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BRITAIN THANKS MADRAS

The following is a copy of a telegram dated August 18, 1943, received from Sir Stafford Cripps, London, by His Excellency the Governor of Madras :

"Once more it is my pleasure to send thanks for another fine contribution from the people of Madras which will help to keep in the air those numerous fighters and bombers which have been provided by the generosity of Madras."

GOVERNMENT AND THE FOOD PROBLEMS

"Everything that can be done by this Government, will be done and everything we can do to induce other Governments to play the game with us and help us, we are going to do as well. If everybody would play the game this food problem could be solved. There is a deficit of food in India, but I do not believe it is a very great one. There is hoarding going on. I believe, it is one of the reasons why we cannot get all our grains from the Provinces and States in the north, and they are finding it difficult to dig out the grain from there, as we are finding it difficult in this Presidency. But I want to assure you that we are determined as a Government, to find the food wherever it is. There have been suggestions made from the usual quarters that the Government are too lenient with big people, merchants and capitalists, but I assure you, we have no mercy on anybody, big or small. Owing to the general economic situation in this country, there is the difficulty of finding where the undisclosed grain is. Penalties for hoarding grain have been very greatly increased. Fines of unlimited amounts can be levied, and I hope sentences to imprisonment as well. The statements that the Government are not attempting to dig out hoarded grain, are absolutely untrue, unwarranted and most mischievous."

—*His Excellency Sir ARTHUR HOPE, addressing the Conference of United Planters' Association at Coonoor on August 12.*

NOTICE

THE Director of War Publicity will be glad to receive photographs relating to war work in the City and in the mofussil districts for publication in the next number of VICTORY. Photographs intended for publication should reach him before September 20, 1943.

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Madras Governor's War Fund

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements as on 26th July 1943

Receipts.

From districts as under (including amounts previously collected for His Excellency the Governor's War Charities Appeal Fund) :—

	RS.	A.	P.
Coimbatore	20,09,593	11	11
West Godavari	17,47,296	14	4
Madras	16,07,317	7	9
East Godavari	15,66,631	9	5
Kurnool	12,75,384	15	0
Kistna	12,61,083	3	0
Tanjore	12,60,364	2	8
Ramnad	12,53,901	1	8
Vizagapatam	12,25,369	2	1
Guntur	11,85,876	2	3
Madura	11,46,644	10	8
Tinnevelly	11,34,426	13	7
Salem	8,97,635	15	11
North Arcot	8,78,919	4	0
Nellore	8,52,276	14	2
Malabar	8,25,272	7	5
Chingleput	7,74,933	1	2
Trichinopoly	7,29,079	15	0
South Kanara	7,28,641	8	0
Bellary	5,38,422	11	4
Anantapur	5,06,630	3	2
Nilgiris	5,04,602	1	6
South Arcot	4,77,153	11	11
Cuddapah	4,44,016	10	9
Chittoor	3,93,816	6	11
Travancore	78,027	5	11
Bangalore-Mysore-Coorg	23,683	15	9
	2,53,27,002	3	3

Disbursements.

	RS.	A.	P.
By His Excellency the Governor's War Charities Appeal Fund	2,52,060	13	6
By the Madras Governor's War Fund—			
To Air Ministry, London, for cost of aircraft for Madras Squadrons	1,72,00,000	0	0
To specific charities in accordance with the wishes of donors and to the Joint War Charities Committee	19,70,161	15	10
To Indian Air Force	18,50,000	0	0
To Government of India (Defence Department) for purchase of Armoured Carriers	4,10,000	0	0
To Madras Flying Club on account of scholarships, trainer aircraft parachutes and other equipment and for training flying instructors, etc.	3,08,971	3	1
To His Excellency the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund, etc., for Indian Defence purposes earmarked in accordance with the wishes of donors.	13,111	1	6

Disbursements—cont.

	RS.	A.	P.
To relief of evacuees	1,04,244	6	5
To Salvation Army for the entertainment of and supply of meals to troops	3,000	0	0
To purchase of motor boat, station wagon, etc., from amounts earmarked for M. & S. M. Railway, Rayapuram District Armoured Car Fund ..	8,600	0	0
To Joint War Charities Committee on account of "Amenities for Troops" earmarked in accordance with the wishes of donors	7,94,824	15	7
Total disbursements ..	2,29,14,974	7	11
Balance ..	24,12,027	11	4
Total ..	2,53,27,002	3	3

Amenities for Troops Fund

It may interest our readers to know the amounts and directions of expenditure from the Governor's War Fund, under the head of "Amenities for Troops."

We are indebted to the Honorary Secretary, Joint War Charities Committee, for this account of disbursements from May 1942 to-date.

The initial capitals to the accompanying statement denote different localities which cannot be more specifically indicated for security reasons.—Ed.

GRANTS FROM MADRAS GOVERNOR'S WAR FUND— MAY 1942—JULY 1943.

A.—Toc H. Canteen.

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
30th May 1942	1,000	0	0			
3rd June 1942	5,000	0	0			
16th November 1942	2,000	0	0			
12th January 1943	6,200	0	0			
9th March 1943	3,000	0	0			
27th April 1943	10,000	0	0			
29th July 1943	10,000	0	0			
				37,200	0	0

Toc H. Hostel.

	RS.	A.	P.
12th December 1942	3,500	0	0

Salvation Army.

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Direct	3,000	0	0			
17th August 1942	5,000	0	0			
12th December 1942	2,500	0	0			
				10,500	0	0

Stanley Club.

	RS.	A.	P.
19th May 1942	10,000	0	0

Y. M. C. A.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
3rd June 1942	5,000	0	0			
24th June 1942	500	0	0			
15th April 1943	20,000	0	0			
				25,500	0	0

Sir Arthur Hope Club.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
5th May 1942	1,000	0	0			
19th May 1942	1,000	0	0			
31st July 1942	1,000	0	0			
26th September 1942 ..	1,000	0	0			
3rd November 1942	200	0	0			
5th December 1942	800	0	0			
8th January 1943	1,000	0	0			
9th February 1943	1,000	0	0			
4th May 1943	1,000	0	0			
29th July 1943	1,000	0	0			
				8,574	3	6
By refund	425	12	6			

Indian Hospitality Committee (earmarked).

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
19th October 1942	1,000	0	0			
18th February 1943	100	0	0			
2nd April 1943	5,995	15	0			
15th April 1943	6,0 0	0	0			
24th April 1943	10,524	13	0			
29th June 1943	250	0	0			
14th July 1943	2,000	0	0			
				25,870	12	0

Central Station Canteen.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
29th January 1943	1,700	0	0			
2nd February 1943	2,000	0	0			
12th March 1943	800	0	0			
23rd March 1943	2,800	0	0			
31st March 1943	1,981	8	0			
30th April 1943	892	5	3			
2nd June 1943	716	7	9			
11th June 1943	711	2	6			
18th June 1943	1,000	0	0			
19th July 1943	1,046	7	0			
				13,647	14	6
Bathers' Protection Society, Rs. 60 per month.				840	0	0

Victory House Mobile Sales Van.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
3rd June 1942	6,000	0	0			
27th April 1943	5,000	0	0			
25th June 1943	2,000	0	0			
				13,000	0	0

Joint War Charities Mobile Canteen.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
31st July 1942				5,000	0	0

B.—Y. M. C. A.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
8th October 1942	6,000	0	0			
16th October 1942	5,000	0	0			
12th March 1943	3,500	0	0			
15th April 1943	5,000	0	0			
21st June 1943	1,000	0	0			
12th July 1943	2,500	0	0			
29th July 1943	6,500	0	0	29,500	0	0

Leave Cottages.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
27th April 1943				5,200	0	0

General Bruce for leave camp.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
6th July 1943				10,000	0	0
C.—Services Club				2,253	5	5
Services Canteen				11,146	2	10

Gen. Bruce for I.M.H. Staff.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
3rd May 1943				818	0	0

Gen. Stuart (Daggers Concert).

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
15th April 1943				1,347	8	0

Gen. Stuart for H Q. Canteen.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
13th May 1943				1,800	0	0

Gen. Bruce for W.A.C. (I) furniture.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
29th July 1943				92	7	0

D.—Dr. Cochrane.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
2nd April 1943				40	0	0

E.—Mrs. Silver's Canteen.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
23rd January 1943	40	0	0			
25th January 1943	79	14	6			
2nd February 1943	50	0	0			
1st March 1943	100	0	0			
16th March 1943	333	5	6			
2nd April 1943	100	0	0			
3rd May 1943	100	0	0			
2nd June 1943	100	0	0			
2nd July 1943	100	0	0			
5th July 1943	500	0	0			
				1,503	4	0

F.—Gen. Bruce for Canteen.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
12th March 1943				8,000	0	0

G.—To Collector.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
6th August 1942	3,600	0	0			

To Rev. H.B. Stephens.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
16th November 1942 ..	3,000	0	0			

To Collector.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
13th March 1943	4,500	0	0			
26th March 1943	1,500	0	0			
				12,600	0	0

H.—Toc H. Canteen.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
5th November 1942	1,500	0	0			

Gen. Bruce for Canteen.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
12th February 1943	5,000	0	0			

Toc H. Canteen.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
15th April 1943	5,000	0	0			
				11,500	0	0

I.—J.W.C. for games for Madras Regt.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
16th October 1942	5,000	0	0			

O.C. Madras Regt. for bus.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
16th November 1942 ..	6,000	0	0			

Gen. Bruce for second bus.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
12th February 1943 ..	6,000	0	0			

Gen. Bruce for Canteen.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
12th February 1943	7,000	0	0			

Collector for Y.M.C.A. Canteen.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
10th March 1943	6,000	0	0			

J.W.C. for games for Madras Regt.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
27th May 1943	9,000	0	0			
				39,000	0	0

J.—Elk Hill and Race View.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
9th February 1943	200	0	0			
2nd April 1943	5,000	0	0			
29th July 1943	5,000	0	0			
				10,200	0	0

Forces Club.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
27th April 1943	500	0	0			
11th June 1943	500	0	0			
				1,000	0	0

R.A.F. Officers' Hostel.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
29th June 1943				5,000	0	0

Gen. Bruce for Primrose Hall.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
26th July 1943				2,075	0	0

K.—Miss Moller for hospitality.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
25th September 1942 ..	525	0	0			
12th December 1942 ..	550	0	0			
7th April 1943	100	0	0			
26th April 1943	700	0	0			
3rd May 1943	100	0	0			
14th May 1943	571	0	0			
2nd June 1943	100	0	0			
30th June 1943	54	1	0			
2nd July 1943	100	0	0			
6th July 1943	500	0	0			
				3,300	0	0

L.—Gen. Bruce for recreation room.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
15th April 1943	7,200	0	0			

Gen. Bruce for leave hostel.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
27th April 1943	8,947	0	0			

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Gen. Bruce for Forces canteen.		
27th A ril 1943	4,000 0 0	
Gen. Bruce for Gurkha leave camp.		
27th April 1943	2,100 0 0	
L. Gen. Bru e for Y.M.C.A. fire.		
3rd May 1943	1,651 0 0	
		23,898 0 0
R.A.F. Leave Camp.		
29th May 1943		8,500 0 0
M.—Services Canteen.		
4th S ptember 1942 ..	1,396 0 0	
6th February 1943 ..	1 0 0 0	
28th April 1943	300 0 0	
3rd May 1943	150 0 0	
2nd June 1943	150 0 0	
2nd July 1943	150 0 0	
		2,296 0 0
N.—O C. Madras Regiment.		
12th February 1943		1,000 0 0
O.—Gen. Bruce for W.A.C. (I) Hostel.		
3rd May 1943		2,000 0 0
P. Gen. Bruce for 2 Divisions.		
12th February 1943 ..	20,000 0 0	
General Bruce for Corps H.Q.		
12th February 1943 ..	3,000 0 0	
Gen. Bruce for 44 Institutes.		
Gen. Bruce for 18 cinemas.		
6th July 1943	72,460 0 0	
		95,460 0 0
Q.—To Gen. Bruce for families of Q.V.O.S. & M. serving overseas.		
27th May 1943		5,000 0 0
Mobile Cinema :—		
Purchase.		
13th May 1943	10,045 10 2	
Petrol, etc.		
11th June 1943	73 7 0	
8th July 19 3	83 3 0	
9th July 1 43	416 7 0	
29th July 1943 ..	457 0 6	
		11,075 11 8
P. B.—Gen. Bruce for transit canteen.		
3rd May 1943		5,000 0 0
To Collector of C.		
12th February 1943 ..	1,000 0 0	
18th June 1943	1,500 0 0	
		2,500 0 0
To Collector of V.		
4th May 1943	1,000 0 0	
G.O.C. 106 L. of C.		
6th July 1943	5,000 0 0	6,000 0 0
..		4,72,738 5 11

NOTES.—A. Bathers protection is our subscription of Rs. 60 monthly on account of troops using the beaches.

These are cash payments only and do not include supplies in kind. They do not exactly tally with grants sanctioned by the Executive Committee, as in some cases the full grant has not yet been disbursed (e.g. Sir Arthur Hope Canteen) and in others I was authorized to keep the place going on production of accounts.

Honorary Secretary,
Joint War Charities Committee.

BELLARY.—Through the efforts of the Revenue Divisional Officers, Commercial-Tax Officer and some of the merchants who co-operated with them, a sum of Rs. 1,33,200 was collected for the Amenities for Troops Fund and presented to His Excellency the Governor of Madras who visited Bellary on July 5.

GODAVARI (WEST).—The total amount of contributions raised in West Godavari district for the Amenities for Troops Fund in July was Rs. 16,917.

TANJORE.—A sum of Rs. 31,268, being the sale-proceeds of tickets issued for the benefit performance held in aid of the Amenities for Troops Fund at Pattukkottai is being collected. Old books, periodicals, etc., were collected and three consignments were despatched to the Honorary Secretary, Joint War Charities War Supply Department, Madras. More books are being collected.

TINNEVELLY.—The District War Committee, Tinnevelly, organized a Variety entertainment on July 24 in a local cinema in aid of Amenities for Troops Fund. A sum of Rs. 6,500 has been collected so far. It is expected that about Rs. 1,500 more will be realised.

KURNOOL.—A sum of Rs. 4,737 was collected and remitted to the Amenities for Troops Fund. A sum of Rs. 3,59,650 by the District Collector and President of the District War Committee, Rs. 5,000 by the Chairman, Municipal Council, Nandyal, and Rs. 500 by the President, District Board, Kurnool, were also presented to His Excellency the Governor of Madras for the Amenities for Troops Fund when he visited Kurnool town on July 3.

Other Activities

SOUTH ARCOT.—A sum of Rs. 11-12-0 was collected during the month by the sale of Defence Savings Stamps. Steps have been taken to launch a district-wide campaign in this direction.

COIMBATORE.—Sums of Rs. 370 in Gobichettipalayam division, Rs. 1,130 in Kollegal division and Rs. 330 in Coimbatore division were realised by sales of Defence Savings Certificates. Total subscriptions received from July 3 to 24 towards the 3 per cent loans (Fourth Defence Loan) in this district amounted Rs. 3,01,800.

KURNOOL.—Defence Savings Stamps for Rs. 100 were sold by the District Collector, bringing the total to Rs. 500 worth of Defence Savings Stamps so far sold by him. Officers of all Government departments are taking keen interest in the sale of these stamps. A drive for the intensification of the National Savings movement is being organized.

MADURA.—Mr. P. Krishnamoorthy, Defence Loans Commissioner, visited Madura on July 27 and after interviewing the Collector and other important officials, proceeded to Devakottai. He visited Dindigul on August 2 where he met the members of the Taluk Committee and important bankers and merchants and explained how by effective propaganda and active help deflation can be effected. The Dindigul Taluk Committee agreed to form a Sub-Committee for the purpose and organize a drive on the lines suggested by the Commissioner. The Commissioner directed the District Organizer to form similar non official Committees in other taluks. The Collector has accorded his sanction to the proposal.

TINNEVELLY.—A sum of Rs. 1,500 was presented by the Tahsildar, Tiruchendur, to the Collector in aid of the Red Cross Fund. A sum of Rs. 1,000 was presented by the Deputy Tahsildar of Vilathikulam to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Koilpatti, in aid of the Red Cross Fund. A sum of Rs. 263 was remitted by the Tahsildar of Sankarankoil to the crédit of Red Cross Fund.

VIZAGAPATAM.—A sum of Rs. 13-4-0 was collected towards the Royal Indian Navy Fund and remitted to the Honorary Secretary, Royal Indian Naval Benevolent Association, Delhi. A sum of Rs. 51,000 was invested during the month in the Fourth Defence Loans. Instructions have been issued to the District Organizer, Vizagapatam, the Revenue Divisional Officers in the district and the heads of all departments in this district to make strenuous attempts to collect before December 31 subscriptions amounting to 44.65 lakhs fixed as the target figure for this district.

RAMNAD.—Mr. P. Krishnamoorthy, Defence Loans Commissioner, visited Virudhunagar and presided over a meeting on July 27 when measures were discussed to intensify investment in Defence Loans. Another meeting was held at Madura on July 28 by the Finance Sub-Committee of the District War Committee and this was also attended by the Defence Loan Commissioner. He also visited other centres in the district.

KISTNA.—His Excellency the Governor visited this district on July 26. A sum of over Rs. 4,36,901 was presented to His Excellency towards the War Fund, including a sum of Rs. 6,000 for hospitals by the Red Cross Society, Rs. 5,000 by Rao Saheb V. Bapayya Chowdary of Gudlavalleru and Rs. 1,000 by Rao Bahadur Alapati Kutumbarao of Bezwada. A civic address was presented to him by the Bezwada Municipal Council. In the evening, His Excellency spoke at a public meeting and explained at length the war situation. He attended a drama in aid of the War Fund.

His Excellency the Governor's Tours

His Excellency was in Bangalore on June 29 and 30 and intended inspecting units of the fighting forces; owing to a sudden indisposition, however, the programme had to be cancelled. His Excellency toured in the Ceded

districts of Anantapur, Kurnool and Bellary between July 1 and 5. In the course of the tour, His Excellency visited Penukonda, Anantapur, Guntakal, Dhone, Kurnool and Bellary, where he addressed well-attended public meetings speaking on the subject of the war and the food problem. His Excellency granted interviews to representative non-officials of the localities visited, had conversations with officials of the Revenue and other departments, and drove publicly through the principal thoroughfares of each town.

During his tour, His Excellency visited the Bukkapatnam (Anantapur), Ternikal (Kurnool) and Pramadevahalli (Bellary) Famine Camps, where he inspected the kitchens, feeding arrangements, hospital facilities, schools, worksheds, etc., at each camp, and heard representations made by the workers.

While at Anantapur, His Excellency declared open the Madras Technical Training Centre for the training of War Technicians.

Owing to the bad weather His Excellency's visit to Cuddapah district had to be cancelled.

The following sums of money were presented to His Excellency for the War Fund during his tour:—

	RS.
Anantapur district	1,82,060
Kurnool district	3,65,678
Bellary district	1,33,200

making a total of Rs. 6,80,938.

With a view to acquaint himself personally with the foodgrains position in the Northern Delta areas, His Excellency camped at Nellore, Bezwada and Rajahmundry between July 25 and 27, and had discussions with the District Collectors, the Government Grain Purchasing Officers, and representatives of merchants and leading ryots.

En route from Madras to Nellore on July 25, His Excellency met a deputation of local ryots at Gudur who had assembled outside the railway station to express their gratitude to His Excellency for an irrigation project recently sanctioned. His Excellency took the opportunity of his visit to the three towns to address public meetings on the subject of the war and the food situation, appealing to the population to continue to extend their co-operation in the war effort and to help the Government to deal with the difficult problem of food distribution.

At Bezwada, the Chairman and members of the Municipal Council presented a civic address of welcome to His Excellency. His Excellency also inspected the A.R.P. organization and attended a drama in aid of the Amenities for Troops Fund.

During the public meeting at Rajahmundry, the Municipal Council read a memorandum of the Council's war work and presented a purse of Rs. 2,000 towards the Governor's War Fund.

The following sums of money were presented to His Excellency during his visit to the three towns towards the War Fund:—

	RS.
Nellore	1,00,000
Bezwada	4,39,501
Rajahmundry	2,38,000

National War Front Activities

Propaganda Meetings

ANANTAPUR.—His Excellency the Governor's visit.—His Excellency the Governor visited Penukonda on July 1 and inspected the Famine Camps at Bukkapatnam. He addressed a public meeting at Penukonda on the war situation. At Anantapur he addressed a largely-attended public meeting in the Peace Memorial Hall. His Excellency also attended a benefit performance in aid of War Fund. On July 2, His Excellency visited the M.T.T.C. and opened the Hostel buildings. A sum of about Rs. 1,82,000 was presented to His Excellency for the War Fund during his visit. His Excellency's visit has had an excellent effect on war propaganda and war efforts.

The District Organizer toured for 6 days in the district, visited 7 villages and addressed four public meetings. He was held up at Cuddapah for 7 days in connection with the Refresher Course. The District Lecturer was on tour for 11 days and addressed two meetings. The District Lady Lecturer at Gooty and the Additional Lady Lecturer at Kalyandrug toured for 14 and 26 days, respectively. The Propaganda van MSC 7704 visited Kalyandrug and Bachepalli. The voluntary speakers visited 8 shandies and delivered lectures.

Captain G. T. B. Harvey, Provincial Organizer opened Victory House at Anantapur on July 10 and addressed a public meeting on the object and aims of the National War Front and the purpose of Victory Houses. [See two photographs published elsewhere in this issue]. Victory Houses were also opened and meetings addressed by the Provincial Organizer at Muchukota and Bukkarayasamudram.

A public meeting was held on July 31, under the presidentship of Rao Sahib R. S. Subbayya Pillai, Revenue Divisional Officer, Anantapur. Mrs. E. A. Naik, Lady Lecturer, Mr. S. S. Murthi, Divisional Organizer, and others delivered lectures. Mrs. E. A. Naik explained the importance of the "Grow More Food" campaign and appealed to all to grow more food.

SOUTH ARCOT.—During the month of July, 43 propaganda meetings were held by the Deputy Tahsildar, Panruti and the Tahsildar of Villupuram. The District Organizer addressed 11 public meetings and inspected 17 Reading Circles. The District Lecturer addressed 24 public meetings. The Honorary Divisional Organizers and Taluk Propagandists visited a number of villages. War slides were exhibited in the cinema house at Cuddalore. The touring officers of the Revenue Department and the staff of the National War Front Organization inspected a large number of Reading Circles which are working satisfactorily.

BELLARY.—Under the auspices of the District War Committee, a public meeting was held on July 5, when His Excellency the Governor addressed an audience of 2,000 people. His Excellency's speech was translated into Telugu by Rao Bahadur T. Raghava and into Urdu by Mr. D. A. Rawoof, Chairman of the Municipal Council. A *resume* of the work done by the District War Committee and the National War Front was read by Mr. T. Krishnamoorthy, Joint Secretary of the Junior Red Cross Society, Bellary. A business meeting of the Propaganda Sub-Committee was held at the Fraser Publicity House, Bellary, on July 8 with Rao Sahib A. V. Ramiah in the chair. Nine additional members were co-opted.

A large number of propaganda meetings were held. The District Organizer toured for 22 days, visited 16 villages and addressed 10 meetings. The District Lecturer toured for 12 days. He addressed 2 meetings at Cuddapah. and gave talks on 12 occasions when he toured with the propaganda van. His services were lent to the District War Committee, Anantapur, when a benefit entertainment was given for the Amenities for Troops Fund, on the occasion of His Excellency the Governor's visit to that town. The Additional Lecturer for Scheduled Classes toured for 17 days, visited 13 villages, held 5 meetings and inspected 4 Reading Circles. The Kannada Lecturer toured for 21 days, visited 25 villages. He addressed the prisoners in the Central Jail and the students of the Junior Certified School.

The ten propagandists visited about 20 villages. Five propagandists of the five Telugu taluks, viz., Bellary, Rayadrug, Adoni, Alur and Yemmiganur attended the Refresher Course held at Cuddapah. The Taluk Propagandists of Bellary had been able to collect one bag of scrap paper, and the Kannada Lecturer 2 bags of paper and 57 maunds of iron. Among the Honorary Divisional Organizers, Mr. M. Bheemasena Rao of Bellary, held talks in 5 villages. Mr. V. Sreeramulu of Harapanahalli toured for 8 days and visited 7 villages. The propaganda van did useful work. There are now 7 publicity houses in this district. A public meeting was held under the presidentship of the Collector, Mr. I. M. Fraser, I.C.S., at Adoni, on July 15. Another meeting was held on July 2.

CHINGLEPUT.—Propaganda meetings were widely advertised and largely-attended. Mr. M. R. Srinivasa Rao addressed his 195th public meeting at Amjikarai on July 30 and M. G. Krishnamoorthy, J.P. addressed his 138th public meeting at the same place and on the same date. Propaganda material was widely distributed and war films and slides were exhibited.

The District Organizer was on tour for 20 days and visited several villages and addressed several meetings. His propaganda related mostly to the popularisation of kambu and oher millets in connexion with the "Grow More Food" campaign and the purchase of Defence Savings Stamps and Certificates. The District Lecturer visited 17 villages and delivered 17 lectures. He inspected 12 Reading Circles. The Honorary Divisional Organizers also did good work. The work of the Taluk Propagandists was satisfactory.

COIMBATORE.—The District Organizer addressed four public meetings and three Group Discussions. He had to devote most of his attention this month to the opening

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of Victory House and the conduct of the half-yearly Refresher Course. On July 4 there was an informal meeting of those interested in co-operating with the Collector of the district in intensifying war effort. Many influential persons attended the meeting.

The District Organizer addressed a public meeting at Sulur on July 17. On July 26, a group meeting consisting of merchants and ryots was held, when he spoke on the Group Contact Scheme. The District Judge, Rao Sahib C. Satyanarayana Choudri, presided. He addressed another meeting at Udamalpet on July 21. On July 28 he attended the entertainment to troops. The District Organizer accompanied the Provincial Organizer when the latter inspected the Reading Circles of Alandurai and Kuppanur on July 16.

The District Lecturer was primarily in charge of the Refresher Course. He addressed 12 public meetings. Mr. J. S. Kannapar, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Gobichettipalayam taluk, visited a number of places and devoted his attention to the food problem. Mr. K. Nanjundiah, Additional Public Prosecutor and Honorary Divisional Organizer of Coimbatore taluk, took keen interest in the opening of Victory House. Mr. G. M. Futtannayya, Honorary Divisional Organizer of Kollegal, visited 4 villages and addressed meetings in Kollegal taluk. All the Taluk Propagandists addressed a large number of meetings. War Films were shown and war literature was distributed. The Ballad master did useful work.

The District Lady Lecturer, Sri K. A. Muthulakshmi Ammal, addressed 9 meetings and inspected Reading Circles. The other Lady Lecturer, Miss A. Manickam, inspected 15 Reading Circles and addressed 11 meetings.

The Refresher Course was visited by Mr. H. K. Mathews, I.C.S., Personal Assistant to the Director of War Publicity, Madras, Rao Bahadur J. C. Ryan, Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Madras, Sir P. T. Rajan, Regional Leader for Tamil Nad, and Miss M. Christians, Special Lady Lecturer. The Collector, Mr. R. C. S. Bell, I.C.S., visited one of the classes and gave a short talk to the Taluk Propagandists.

Group discussions were held at the Town Hall, Coimbatore, and at Peelamedu. Mr. C. S. Choudri was present at both the places, and explained the lines on which work should be done to encourage investment in Defence Savings Certificates, Loans, etc. A Working Committee was formed consisting of 12 members with power to co-opt.

Opening of Victory House.—Victory House was opened by Captain G. T. B. Harvey, Provincial Organizer, Madras, on July 15. Mr. R. C. S. Bell, I.C.S., District Collector of Coimbatore, presided over the function.

District Organizer's speech.—Following are extracts from the speech of the District Organizer, Coimbatore, on the occasion:—

The National War Front in this district began to function with the appointment of Mr. K. M. Balasubramaniam as District Organizer on May 18, 1942. Before the National War Front was inaugurated, opinion was divided in this district as well as in other parts of the Presidency as to whether anything could be gained by having a whole-time paid machinery or organization and propaganda to take the place of honorary workers already functioning. The correct lead in this district was given by the opinion of the Propaganda Sub-Committee when consulted by the Director of War Publicity in November 1941, that regular, persistent and organized propaganda would require the employment of paid personnel. It was also made clear that this paid personnel will not take the place of influential non-officials who were already engaged in war propaganda, but will co-operate with them.

I will be failing in my duty if I do not acknowledge on this happy occasion, the wholehearted co-operation and encouragement, I and my predecessor in office have been receiving from a selfless worker like Mr. K. Nanjundiah, Additional Public Prosecutor, who has toured the whole district, including the Anamalais, at his own expense in connection with war propaganda. In Messr. Annamalai Pillai of Erode, T. R. Sundaram Pillai of Tirupur, G. M. Futtannayya of Kollegal and Gurusami Nayudu of Udamalpet, the National War Front has secured four other Honorary Divisional Organizers already connected with Propaganda Sub-Committees. Mr. J. S. Kannappar, Honorary Divisional Organiser of Gobichettipalayam has been tackling the food problem very ably. Mr. E. V. Janardhana Rao, Honorary Divisional Organizer of Bhavani, he is the latest addition to the list of Honorary Divisional Organizer. In Rao Bahadur S. V. V. Naidu, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Pollachi, we have an experienced war worker, whose services have been recognized during the last Birthday Honours. The work of Mr. G. T. Isaiah, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Dharapuram, in the matter of Recruitment has been much commended by those in charge of recruitment.

We have also been peculiarly fortunate in having the co-operation of prominent citizens and high officials. To Mr. G. D. Naidu, who has been a genial host to all those that attended the three Refresher Classes, the National War Front owes a deep debt of gratitude which it can never hope to repay. The President of this function, our popular District Collector, Mr. R. C. S. Bell, I.C.S., is a tower of strength to the National War Front. In the matter of tackling the food problem, he has spared no pains to obtain first-hand information and relieve the distress of the masses even in the remotest shandies and villages of this district by his personal visit. The timely advice and foresighted leadership of Rao Sahib C. S. Choudri, District and Sessions Judge, have been of immeasurable assistance to the National War Front and his mass contact campaign has popularized the National War Front Organization.

Victory House for Coimbatore was a long-felt want. Even before the inauguration of the National War Front, when, in November 1941, Mr. F. R. Brisley, I.C.S., the then Director of War Publicity, visited Coimbatore, I find

from records that the urgent need for Victory House was stressed in a note submitted by Mr. K. Nanjundiah, Joint Secretary of the Propaganda Sub-Committee, and the Honorary Divisional Organizer of Coimbatore taluk. We have been striving to bring into existence such a centre of war activities and Victory House that is now going to be opened by the distinguished guest of this evening, Captain G. T. B. Harvey, the Director of Publicity, Madras, is the fruition of our efforts. It is equipped with a Radio. It is up to the public to make the best use of Victory House and co-operate with the National War Fron Organization in every possible way in war efforts.

CHITTOOR.—The District Organizer visited 11 places and addressed meetings. The District Lecturer visited 33 villages with the van and addressed meetings in all those places. The two District Lady Lecturers visited 19 villages and addressed meetings. One of the lecturers met 50 members of the families of soldiers serving in the army. The other lecturer addressed one meeting for gosha ladies at Chittoor and another public meeting for ladies.

The Honorary Divisional Organizers and Taluk Propagandists toured in their respective jurisdiction addressing meetings and inspecting Reading Circles. The Ballad Master visited 22 villages and taught war ballads and songs on "Grow More Food" to the students and teachers of 20 schools. He recited war ballads at 3 meetings.

The Adikrithigai festival at Tiruttani attracted more than 10,000 pilgrims. The District Organizer, the District Lecturer, the Taluk Propagandists of Vayalpad, Puttur and Tiruttani stayed there during the festival and carried on intensive propaganda among the pilgrims. They addressed 9 crowded meetings in different places. A temporary Victory Bureau was opened in the District Board Elementary School at Tiruttani and the posters, maps, pictures, etc., that were exhibited attracted large crowds of pilgrims. The Revenue Officials and officials of other departments also took part in addressing meetings. The Revenue Divisional Officers, Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars of the district held a number of meetings for the ryots.

CUDDAPAH.—The District Organizer and his staff were engaged this month in the organisation and holding of the combined Refresher Course for the Taluk Propagandists of the Ceded Districts held at Cuddapah and in the celebrations of "Grow More Food" Week. Captain G. T. B. Harvey, Provincial Organizer, Madras, opened the Refresher Course. Captain J. Jackson, Assistant Recruiting Officer, Cuddapah, and Mrs. B. Kotamma, Honorary Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, W.A.C. (India) for Andhra Districts, addressed the meetings of the propagandists on recruitment work. There were lectures every day on various subjects. The Refresher Course closed on July 18 with a public meeting held at the local theatre. The Collector presided and took advantage of the opportunity to present to Mrs. B. Kotamma, in recognition of her valuable recruiting work, a sanad granted by the Recruiting Officer, Bangalore, in the name of H.E. the Commander-in-Chief of India.

The District Collector opened Victory House at Rayachoti on July 25 in the presence of a large gathering. "Grow More Food" Week was celebrated all over the district from July 21 to 27. At Rayachoti the Collector presided over the meeting held on the last day of the Week and gave away prizes to two ryots who were adjudged to have brought the largest area newly under cultivation. The Collector also distributed sweets to children at his own expense.

GODAVARI (EAST).—The District Organizer addressed several public meetings in Pithapuram and Peddapuram taluks. The newly-appointed Lady Lecturer also addressed meetings in Peddapuram taluk. The Ballad Master accompanied the District Organizer. This month we had certain distinguished visitors in connexion with war effort. Mr. S. V. Ramamurty, C.I.E., I.C.S., Adviser to His Excellency the Governor of Madras, addressed a public meeting on July 1 at Rajahmundry, and he was presented with a purse of Rs. 55,776 for the War Fund. Mr. D. N. Strathie, C.I.E., I.C.S., Adviser to His Excellency the Governor of Madras, paid a visit to Rajahmundry in connexion with the food question. His Excellency the Governor of Madras visited Rajahmundry and addressed a public meeting on July 27. Purses worth Rs. 2,39,132 were presented to His Excellency for the War Fund

A Central Training Class was conducted for the Security Instructors of the three districts of Vizagapatam, East Godavari and Nellore, by Dr. G. F. Andrews, Security Superviser, National War Front, Cocanada, assisted by Mr. Ch. Tiruvenkatachari, Rural Recreation Organiser, East Godavari, and the Security Inspectors of the three districts. The District Organizer delivered the inaugural address on July 22. The Regional Leader for Andhra Desa, Dr. Sir C. R. Reddi, presided over the public meeting held on the last day of the Central Training Class on July 31. The valedictory address was given by Mr. P. V. Rangaram Nayudu, District Organizer, East Godavari, Captain G. T. B. Harvey, Director of War Publicity, also addressed the gathering on the importance of Village Security Scheme.

Captain G. T. B. Harvey, Director of War Publicity, switched on the Radio at Victory House, Cocanada. On that occasion, a party was given by Mr. P. V. Rangaram Nayudu, District Organizer, which was largely attended. There was also a musical entertainment in which the Show Boat troupe took part. It was highly appreciated. Captain G. T. B. Harvey made a speech on the objects of the National War Front.

GODAVARI (WEST).—Propaganda materials were widely distributed. The National War Front staff and the Revenue Subordinates carried on intensive War propaganda. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Ellore, camped in Dharmajigudem, Pangidigudem and Chintalapudi villages and assembled the ryots, and encouraged them to grow more food grains. He also visited the Reading Circles in the three places and found them working satisfactorily. The Health Inspector, Polavaram, visited 9 villages in the taluk.

GUNTUR.—The District Organizer toured for 15 days, examined candidates for appointment as Village Guards in 10 villages, inspected 7 Reading Circles, addressed six gatherings and arranged for 41 special propaganda meetings in 41 villages. Eighteen meetings were addressed by the District Lecturer and 80 meetings were organized and held by the Taluk Propagandists.

The District Organizer arranged for a special Training Class for the newly-appointed propaganda staff with the assistance of the District Lecturer. The Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, the District Agricultural Officer and the Extra-Assistant Recruiting Officer, Guntur, participated in the proceedings.

The District Organizer also arranged for a conference of well-known poets and composers of Guntur with the Assistant Song Publicity Officer, Madras, when he visited Guntur, to concert measures for producing war propaganda songs and ballads. Special propaganda among the labourers of Chirala Tobacco Company, was carried on by the District Organizer.

KISTNA.—The District Organizer toured for eight days, addressed four meetings and had talks in three villages. He visited five Reading Circles. He selected Security Instructors for the Village Security Scheme. The District Lecturer toured for 18 days. He visited 12 Reading Circles and delivered lectures at 15 meetings. These meetings were attended by nearly 15,000 people. Due to the inclemency of weather, many meetings had to be cancelled.

The Honorary Speakers, Divisional and Taluk Organizers, Lady Lecturers and the Special Lecturer for the backward areas, toured throughout the district and held more than 76 meetings in different parts of the district. On the whole, the staff of the National War Front addressed 76 village gatherings. Several people were enrolled as members of the National War Front.

The Lady Lecturer, Mrs. Gowripathi, toured in Masulipatam and Divi taluks during this month. The Lady Lecturer, Mrs. C. Padmavathi Devi, was invited by the Collector, Anantapur, to act in a drama in aid of the War Fund before His Excellency. Mr. B. V. Narayana Deo, permanent District Lecturer, Kistna, who was temporarily transferred to Vizagapatam, returned to this district and joined duty on July 10.

On July 26, His Excellency the Governor visited Bezwada. Pandit B. V. Narayana Deo, District Lecturer, delivered a lecture on the occasion. Mr. Y. V. Krishna Rao has been appointed Security Inspector for this district.

KURNOOL.—HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT.—His Excellency the Governor paid a visit to Kurnool on July 3. He was accorded a grand reception and taken out in procession and was profusely garlanded. A public meeting was held in the Coles Memorial Hall when a purse of Rs. 3,59,000 was presented to the War Fund. In the course of his speech, His Excellency exhorted the people not to relax their War efforts. His Excellency also paid a visit to Dhone before he came to Kurnool where a public meeting was held.

Thirty meetings were held by officials of the Revenue and other departments. The meetings were all well-attended. The importance of the National Savings movement and the advantages which people derive by investing their spare funds in Defence Loans and Bonds were explained clearly to the ryots. The National War Front staff also carried on intensive propaganda in this direction. The propaganda van toured in the District and the shows attracted huge crowds in the village.

MADURA.—Sir P. T. Rajan, Regional Leader, toured in the district for 7 days. The meetings over which he presided were largely-attended, especially those held at Chinnalpatti and Vakkampatti. He also presided over five entertainments organised by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Usilampatti, for the benefit of the Poor Man's Depots in his division. The District Organiser accompanied the Regional Leader.

The District Organiser toured for 22 days, delivered 13 lectures, and inspected 2 Reading Circles. The District Lecturer toured for 21 days, delivered 7 lectures and inspected 6 Reading Circles. Mrs. A. S. D. Charles, Lady Lecturer, toured for 27 days, inspected 10 Reading Circles and delivered 15 lectures, visited 2 Girls' Schools and 8 Soldiers' families. Her lecture at Tenkasi was much appreciated. Miss Mary Lazarus has been appointed second Lady Lecturer and she took charge on July 31.

The Taluk Propagandists attended the first half-yearly Refresher Course at Courtallam for 7 days. They visited 176 villages and inspected 86 Reading Circles. The work of Mr. Thyagarajan, Taluk Propagandist, Periyakulam, deserves special mention. He inspected 21 Reading Circles. The Taluk Organisers of Madura, Palni, Tirumangalam, Uthamapalayam and Nilakottai turned out good work.

There was hearty co-operation between the staff of the National War Front and the officials of the Revenue Department. The Revenue Inspectors of the district held 168 meetings in the villages and inspected 159 Reading Circles.

On July 8, members of the Dindigul Taluk Committee organized a pleasant function to facilitate Mr. H. G. P. Vostermans, Vice-President of the Committee, on the conferment of the title of Member of the British Empire on him. The Collector of Madura, Sir P. T. Rajan, and Mr. W. P. A. Soundarapandya Nadar, President, District Board, Madura, took part in the function.

Victory Houses at Dindigul, Nilakottai and Periyakulam are doing good work. Two thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine people visited the Dindigul Victory House in the month of July, 22 persons were supplied with information on recruitment and 8 soldiers' families obtained relief through the House.

The President and Vice-President of the District Board took part in National War Front meetings. A circular has been issued to all educational institutions under the Board to render all co-operation to the War effort and the National War Front Organization.

MALABAR.—A large number of public meetings were held in towns and villages by the National War Front staff, assisted by the Revenue subordinates. The services of voluntary speakers were utilized at many of those meetings. Special emphasis was laid on Recruitment, "Grow More Food" and Defence Loan. The propaganda van (No. 7759) visited the villages and the shows were much appreciated.

NELLORE.—The District Organizer, Nellore, visited 19 villages, inspected National War Front Committees and addressed meetings. Rao Sahib R. P. Govinda Reddi, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Kavali, visited two villages. Rao Sahib Y. Lakshminarayana Reddi, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Gudur, visited 35 villages and addressed meetings. The District Lecturer, Mr. G. Joshua, accompanied the propaganda van for 4 days, visited 3 villages, inspected 3 Reading Circles and delivered lectures. He has been appointed Assistant Song Publicity Officer, Madras. His successor, Mr. D. Pitchiah Sastri, has taken charge. Mr. G. Vandanam, Additional Lecturer, visited 4 villages and delivered lectures. Janab Sirdar R. V. Reddi and party visited 6 villages. Janab Md. Hussain Saheb, Honorary Magistrate, Nellore, visited 19 villages, B. Sundararaja Rao visited one village in Sulurpet taluk. Rao Saheb K. Lakshminarasimham Chetti visited 3 villages in Gudur taulk. Mr. A. Peter visited 6 villages in Nellore and Kovur taluks for propaganda work. Mr. Oggu Subbiah Chetti, member of the Divisional War Committee, Gudur, visited 3 villages.

The Tahsildar, Kovur, held meetings in 4 villages. The Sub-Collector, Gudur, held 5 meetings; the Tahsildar, Rapur, 5; the Deputy Tahsildar, Sulurpet, 3; the Deputy Tahsildar, Venkatagiri, 17; the Revenue Inspector, Sriharikota, 10. In Kanigiri taluk, 36 meetings were held; in Podili taluk, 8; in Kandukur taluk, 69; in Darsi taluk, 9. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Kandukur, held 9 meetings. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Nellore, held 3 meetings. The Tahsildars and the Revenue Inspectors held a number of meetings.

The propaganda van visited 29 villages and slides and war shorts were shown. War films were exhibited in a cinema at Nellore.

His Excellency the Governor's visit.—His Excellency the Governor visited Nellore on June 25 and addressed a large gathering in the L.F. Hall on the war situation. A purse of one lakh of rupees was presented to him on the occasion on behalf of the people of the district. Rao Saheb S. Malakonda Reddi, Secretary, District War Committee, and District Organizer, National War Front, read a report of the war effort in the district.

RAMNAD.—The District Organizer toured the taluks of Aruppukottai, Sattur, Mudukulathur and Tiruppathur and addressed three mass meetings. The District Lecturer addressed 8 meetings. The meeting at Devakottai is worth special mention, which was presided over by the Subordinate Judge of Devakottai. The District Lecturer had the hearty co-operation of Mr. A. C. Kandappa Pillai, Municipal Commissioner, and his staff in organizing the meeting. The Taluk Propagandists and Honorary Taluk Organizers addressed 267 public meetings. The Ballad Master turned out useful work.

A combined Refresher Course for the Taluk Propagandists of Ramnad, Madura and Tinnevelly districts was conducted at Courtallam, near Tenkasi, from July 20 to 26.

The National War Front and the Revenue and the Agricultural officials conducted 388 meetings. The meetings conducted by the District Organizer at Kolloorani, the District Lecturer at Devakottah and District Agricultural Officer at Srivilliputtur had big audiences.

SALEM.—Propaganda posters and pamphlets were promptly and widely distributed. War films and slides were exhibited in local cinema houses. The War Propaganda House at Salem continued to attract large crowds. A large number of Reading Circles were inspected by the staff of the National War Front and the officials of other Government Departments. Miss M. Christians, Special Lady Lecturer, toured this district and delivered three lectures at Yercaud and one at Salem. The meetings were well-attended. Sir P. T. Rajan, Regional Lecturer, Tamil Nad, also toured the district. Officers of the National War Front carried on effective and intensive propaganda. The District Organizer and the Taluk Propagandists attended the Refresher Classes at Coimbatore. Propagandists visited 478 villages, addressed 265 public meetings and inspected 213 Reading Circles.

SOUTH KANARA.—The usual propaganda activities were carried on in spite of the inclemency of weather. Special propaganda was carried on regarding "Grow More Food" investing money in Defence Savings Certificates and War Bonds. A Recruitment Week has been organized from August 15 to 21. War literature was distributed to the Reading Circles.

The District Organizer toured for 15 days and visited 16 places. He addressed 11 meetings and inspected 8 Reading Circles. At Ajanoor, he addressed a big gathering of villagers at the Board Elementary School. The sub-taluk propagandist also spoke. At Bantwal he addressed a gathering of about 500 consisting of students and staff of a school. The propagandists of Mangalore and Bantwal also spoke.

The District Lecturer toured for 21 days and visited 12 places and addressed 7 meetings. He was able to hold 8 informal talks and inspected 5 Reading Circles. At Kallyanpur he addressed a big gathering at the Milagres High School on "the opportunity for youths." The meeting was well-attended.

The Additional Lecturer toured for 18 days in South Kanara district and visited 29 villages and many labour schools and labour colonies. He held 18 informal talks and 4 meetings.

The District Lady Lecturer, Miss K. Parvathi Bai, toured for 13 days and visited 10 villages and inspected 6 Reading Circles. She addressed 7 well-attended meetings mostly of women. She also carried on the usual house-to-house propaganda and held informal talks.

The newly-appointed second Lady Lecturer, Miss K. Radha Bai, joined duty on July 12. She toured for 6 days along with the District Lady Lecturer and attended 2 meetings and carried on war propaganda at Mangalore. The Kasaragod Taluk Propagandist, Mr. H. M. Narayana Bhat, also did good work.

TANJORE.—The District Lecturer, Mr. N. Subramania Ayyar, toured for 25 days with the van in the taluks of Kumbakonam, Mayavaram, Shiyali, Nannilam, Papanasam, Mannargudi and Tanjore. He addressed 28 meetings, of which 12 meetings were largely-attended. He inspected 12 Reading Circles and they are reported to be working satisfactorily. He attended the Refresher Course held for 6 days from July 1 to 6, at Tanjore.

The Additional District Lecturer for the Scheduled Classes for Tanjore and Trichy districts also attended the Refresher Course at Tanjore. He toured for 6 days and inspected 3 Reading Circles.

The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Tanjore, visited Mariammancoil and Tiruvadi. He attended the Refresher Course held for the Additional Propagandists and also the Post-War Reconstruction of Study Group meeting on July 1, when Dr. K. T. Behanan, Deputy Director of War Publicity, Delhi, addressed the meeting.

The Honorary Taluk Organizer, Papanasam, visited 16 villages and addressed 6 public meetings. He held informal talks with the villagers and leading merchants about the benefit of the Defence Savings Certificates, Loans, Bonds, etc.

Three public meetings were held at Kumbakonam, Melacauvery and Bappurajapuram by the Honorary Taluk Organizer of Kumbakonam. The meeting held at Kumbakonam on July 11 in connexion with the Defence Savings Movement was presided over by the Defence Loans Commissioner.

The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Mayavaram, visited many villages and addressed 5 public meetings. He inspected 3 Reading Circles. The Collector of Tanjore attended the benefit performance held in aid of the amenities for Troops' Fund at Mayavaram on July 2.

Two well-attended public meetings were held at Tirukkannapuram village, Nannilam taluk, during the Kumbabishegam festival on July 9. The Honorary Divisional Organizer visited 6 villages. The Honorary Divisional Organizer, Mannargudi, toured for 5 days and held 3 public meetings at Vedaranyam and Point Calimere, when Rao Bahadur C. M. Ramachandra Chettiyar, Divisional Commissioner, H.R.E. Board, Madras, visited those places. A well-attended public meeting was held at the Panchayat Board Park, Vedaranyam, on July 30.

In Pattukottai taluk, six public meetings were held. The meeting held at Orattanad on July 22 was presided over by the Sub-Assistant Inspectress of Schools. The Co-operative Audit Inspector and others spoke. The Honorary Speaker, Mr. Muhammad Meera Sahib, addressed several meetings.

The Opening of Victory House.—Victory House located in the old Pappanad House, Tanjore, was opened by Sir George Boag, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., I.C.S., First Adviser to H.E. the Governor of Madras, on July 1924. A large number of officials and non-officials and ladies attended the function. The Village Guards gave a display of feats of strength. Sir George Boag spoke on the objects and aims of the National War Front. The Adviser was pleased with the arrangements in Victory House. [Two photographs taken on the occasion appear elsewhere in this issue.]

TINNEVELLY.—A Refresher Course for the propaganda staff of the districts of Tinnevelly, Ramnad and Madura was conducted for one week from July 20 at Courtallam near Tenkasi. Captain G. T. B. Harvey, Provincial Organizer, Madras, Sir P. T. Rajan, Regional Leader, Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar, C.I.E., Mr. W. P. A. Soundarapandian, President, District Board, Madura, Mr. P. Krishnamoorthy Ayyar, Defence Loans Commissioner, Mr. David Michael of St. Xavier's College, Palamcottah, Captain L. G. Gallahar, Assistant Recruiting Officer, Palamcottah, and Mr. M. D. Paul, District Educational Officer, Tinnevelly, participated in the proceedings.

A public meeting was arranged on July 23 at Tenkasi. Captain G. T. B. Harvey presided over the meeting. More than 5,000 people were present. Mr. P. Krishnamoorthy Ayyar, Defence Loans Commissioner, Madras, the District Organizers of Madura and Ramnad, the Regional Lecturer, Mr. Alagiriswami, and the Lady Lecturer for Madura District addressed the audience. Diwan Bahadur V. N. Viswanatha Rao, Collector, Tinnevelly, on the special invitation of the Director of War Publicity, also addressed the gathering. Khan Sahib A. K. Bijili Sahib, District Organizer, proposed a vote of thanks.

Captain G. T. B. Harvey addressed the members of the Reading Circle and the public at Alangulam on his way to Tinnevelly. At Tinnevelly he presided over a conference of Nattamaikars in the district. This conference was held at the Centenary Hall, Palamcottah. The District Organizer welcomed the Collector and the Director of War Publicity to the conference. The Collector inaugurated the proceedings. Mr. G. H. P. Bailey, District Superintendent of Police, also spoke. One of the leaders of the Village Security Scheme, Mr. V. Ponnuswami Pillai, Vice-Principal, Hindu College, Tinnevelly, presented a welcome address to the Director of War Publicity and another leader, Mr. Dandhayudapani Iyer, Mittadar, Pudukotah, presened another address to the Collector.

After the conference, a public meeting was held under the presidentship of the Director. This was very largely attended by the people of Tinnevelly and Palamcottah and the Centenary Hall was packed to capacity. Rao Sahib M. V. Subramaniam of St. John's College, Palamcottah, delivered a lecture on "Axis Idealogy—A World Menace". Prizes were distributed to the best helpers in recruitment during the quarter ending March 31, by Mrs. L. G. Gallahar. Later, the Director attended a Variety entertainment. Next morning, the Director visited Tachanallur, one of the villages under the Security Scheme and later left for Madras.

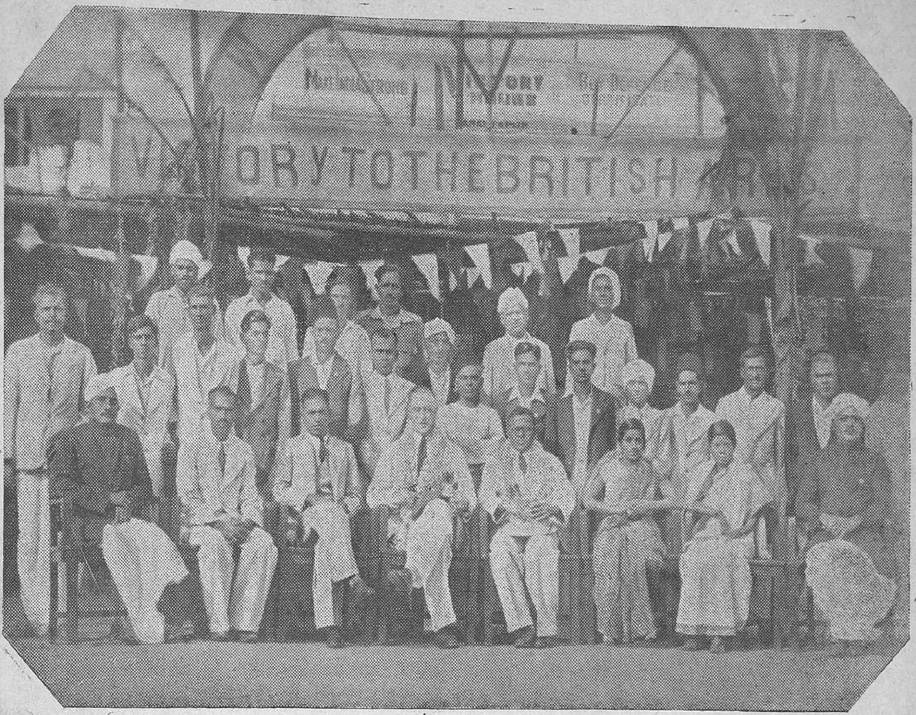
A public meeting was held on July 27 at Tinnevelly. Sir P. T. Rajan, Regional Leader, presided. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliar, C.I.E., Mr. W. P. A. Soundarapandian and Janab Muhammad Sultan Mohideen spoke. The meeting was well-attended. On July 10 a public meeting was arranged by the District Educational Officer, Tinnevelly, at the Centenary Hall, Palamcottah, when Lieutenant H. A. Boas, R.I.N., Naval Assistant Recruiting Officer, explained the various opportunities available in the Royal Indian Navy. The Collector presided over the meeting. More than 1,000 students attended. The District Educational Officer spoke at the meetings held at Tenkasi and other places in the district. His personal assistant also addressed meetings in some places.

Propaganda van MSC 7160 was on tour in the district for 21 days and visited 13 villages. The District Lecturer, Mr. T. S. Ramalingam Pillai, who has been selected for appointment as District Munsif handed over charge on July 16. Mr. D. Deva Irakkam has been appointed District Lecturer in his place. The District Lecturer visited 13 villages and addressed public meetings. War films and slides were exhibited. The Honorary Lecturer among Christians visited 6 villages and addressed public meetings. The Additional District Lecturer for propaganda among Scheduled Classes visited 16 villages. He organized Reading Circles for the benefit of Adi-Dravidas.

TRICHINOPOLY.—An important and interesting feature of the month was the War Service Exhibition held at Trichinopoly for eleven days from July 16. The Exhibition was a great success. The National War Front put up a varied and interesting programme every day. Mr. S. K. Chettur, I.C.S., Collector, presided on July 26 and delivered a lecture on "Unity." Mrs. Chettur gave away the prizes to the successful winners of the singing and elocution competitions.

The District Organizer remained at headquarters and assisted by the District Lecturer, Mr. M. Natarajan, and the additional District Lecturer, Mr. A. Packiam, was engaged in arranging for the War Services Exhibition. Mr. Sandanaswamy Peter, Lecturer for Kallas and Maravars, addressed public meetings at Virampatti, Elanthapatti, Puthur, Viragalur, Kovanda Kurichi, Pullambadi and Kalpalayam. Mr. A. M. J. Dhanaswamy Pillai, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Trichinopoly division, addressed public meetings at Perugamani, Rappusal, Koppu, Ayyampatti, Ennai and Kulumani. Mr. N. S. Ramanarasu, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Ariyalur, visited the villages of Villangudi, Vengalam, Esanai, Arumbavur, Pullambadi, Ogalur and Thirumandurai and addressed 7 well-attended public meetings. Mr. K. Muthuramalingam, Honorary Divisional Organizer, Karur division, visited Vangal and Kupplichipalayam and addresed the villagers on the subjects "Grow More Food" and "Defence Savings Loans." Mr. K. M. Palaniappa Mudaliar, Honorary Divisional Organizer addressed 12 meetings. Propaganda meetings were held in a number of villages in Ariyalur division. The Tahsildar of Trichinopoly held 16 public meetings. The Tahsildar of Musiri held 12 propaganda meetings and the Tahsildar of Lalgudi 18 public meetings. Mr. V. Seetha Rama Servai, Revenue Divisional Officer, Ariyalur, presided over a war propaganda meeting held on July 17 at Udayarpalayam. Mr. S. Nagasundaram Pillai, Revenue Divisional Officer, Musiri, inspected the Reading Circles at Ayyampalayam and Tulayanatham. Mr. S. Murugesa Mudaliar, District Educational Officer, Trichinopoly, and Mr. Veeraswami Pathar, his Personal Assistant, addressed several meetings. Sixty meetings were addressed by the officer of the Education Department The Agricultural Demonstrators held 43 public meetings, besides attending National War Front propaganda meetings and visiting Reading Circles. The Health Inspectors of the Public Health Department addressed meetings in Trichinopoly, Kulittalai, Musiri and Turayur Ranges and inspected 11 Reading Circles. The staff of the Veterinary Department visited the Reading Circles at Edayathimangalam in Lalgudi taluk, at Mangalam and Periyar in Perambalur taluk and Thiruvalarsolai in Trichinopoly taluk. The Sub-Registrars of Chettikulam, Kattuputhur, Manapparai, Paluvur, Udayarpalayam and Valikandapuram inspected a number of Reading Circles.

VIZAGAPATAM.—The District Organizer, Vizagapatam, toured for 9 days and conducted 6 meetings, of which one was at Kottur, a Famine Relief Centre. The



A group photograph taken on the occasion of the opening of 'Victory House' shows Captain G. T. B. Harvey, Provincial Organizer, the staff of the National War Front, Anantapur District, and others.

meeting at Kottur was attended by more than 3,000 people. He inspected one reading circle. The District Lecturer toured for 17 days, visited 30 villages, conducted 18 meetings and inspected 20 reading circles. The Additional Lecturer toured for 19 days, conducted 12 meetings of which one was at Ampuram, a Famine Relief Centre. He inspected 11 Reading Circles. He attended the District Work Officers' Conference at Anakapalli. He inspected 9 reading circles and recruited 6 persons. Out of the 20 meetings conducted by him, 2 were conducted at Famine Relief Centres.

The Security Inspector toured for 20 days, visited 9 villages and conducted 3 meetings. He attended the Security Instructor's Conference held at Cocanada. The Rural Recreation Officer toured for 11 days and visited 6 villages.

The Lady Lecturer, Vizagapatam, toured for 16 days, visited 7 places, conducted 10 meetings and enrolled 43 persons in the National War Front. The Lady Lecturer, Chicacole, toured for 17 days, visited 16 villages, conducted 22 meetings, inspected 11 Reading Circles and enrolled 7 persons in the National War Front. The Honorary Divisional Organizers also turned out good work.

Propaganda Vans

The following is a summary of the work done by the propaganda vans during July:—

MSC. 6984—*Nellore*.—The van toured for 26 days in the month and visited 29 villages, covering a total distance of 336 miles. Propaganda films and lantern slides were shown and recorded music was relayed. Propaganda in this direction has been effective and encouraging.

MSC. 7629—*Guntur*.—The van toured in the district only from July 26 to 31 and visited 5 villages where films and slides were shown.

MSC. 7638—*West Godavari*.—The van toured the whole of Ellore taluk during the month and carried on effective propaganda. Films were shown at 18 places. Large crowds of people ranging from 2,000 to 3,000 were district for 27 days and visited 20 villages.

MSC. 7161—*Cuddapah*.—The van toured in the district for 27 days and visited 20 villages

MSC. 671—*Trichinopoly*.—The van exhibited war films daily at the War Services Exhibition from July 16 to 26. Large crowds numbering about 3,000 gathered at the shows which were much appreciated.

MSC. 7760—*Kurnool*.—The van visited 7 villages. War shorts and slides were shown and gramophone records played.

MSC. 7466—*North Arcot*.—The van toured only for 9 days and visited 8 villages. As usual, war shorts were shown to the public.

MSC. 7677—*Tanjore*.—The van toured in the district for 26 days and visited 23 villages and 3 towns, covering a distance of 375 miles. Gramophone records were played. From July 1 to 6 the van was at the headquarters and was used during the Refresher Course for the newly-appointed Taluk Propagandists of the district. On July 24 the van was very useful in attracting large crowds at the time of the opening ceremony of Victory House, Tanjore, by Sir George Boag, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., I.C.S., First Adviser to His Excellency the Governor of Madras.

MSC. 6983—*Vizagapatam*.—The van toured in the district from July 15 to 27 and visited 36 villages, covering a distance of 513 miles. As usual, films were shown. During the period the van attended the district Agricultural Conference at Anakapalle.

MSC. 3438—*Chittoor*.—The van toured in Kalahasti and Tiruttani taluks and visited 29 villages. At Tiruttani, during the Adi Krithigai festival on July 25 and 26, war films and slides were shown to pilgrims which were much appreciated.

MSC. 7711—*Chingleput*.—The van toured in the district for 13 days. As usual films and slides were exhibited.

MSC. 6947.—The van was undergoing renovation at Messrs. Simpson and Company and will be sent to one of the districts as soon as it is ready.

MSC. 7536—*Madras*.—The van was attending to propaganda work in the City.

MSC 736—*Nilgiris*.—The van was under repairs.

MSC. 6104.—This van allotted only for troop shows was working in the neighbourhood of Madras.

MSC. 7537.—This van has been fitted with cinema equipment and Public Address system and will be shortly sent to the Nilgiris for tour in that district.

MDM. 651.—The fitting up of the van is almost over and it will be sent for tour in Madura and Ramnad districts.

MSC. 6985—*Kistna*.—The van toured in the district for 12 days and gave five film shows. Lantern slides also were shown. The shows were attended to by not less than 6,000 people.

MSC. 7160—*Tinnevelly*.—The van was on tour in this district for 21 days and visited 13 villages.

MSC. 7759—Malabar.—The van visited a number of villages in the district and the shows were much appreciated.

MSC. 7704—Anantapur.—The van visited Kalyandrug and Bachepalli.

Though all the vans were touring the respective districts, reports in respect of van Nos. MSC. 6946, 7162, 7665, 7536, 7713 and MDU. 28 have not been received.

Films.—The films received from the Film Advisory Board, Bombay, have been distributed to vans as and when they were received. The supply of Tamil and Telugu war shorts to the Madras Regiment for troop shows every week-end was continued.

Leaflets.—Slides and other war propaganda materials were promptly distributed to all vans on receipt.

General.—In order to minimize breakdowns of vans touring in districts and to provide for more effective servicing of the vans, the Government has sanctioned the following technical staff:

(i) One Senior Van Supervisor at Madras with general jurisdiction over all vans. He will also attend to 4 districts in the neighbourhood of Madras.

(ii) Three Junior Van Supervisors with jurisdiction over 7 districts each and with headquarters at Trichinopoly, Coimbatore and Guntur.

(iii) One Automobile Inspector—Jurisdiction over the whole Presidency.

The posts of Senior Van Inspector, Junior Van Inspector, and Projector Inspector and Reserve Operator, previously sanctioned have been abolished.

Director's Tour

Captain G. T. B. Harvey, Director of War Publicity, visited the following places during July:—

ANANTAPUR DISTRICT.—Tadpatri, Muchukota, Bukkarayasamudram, Anantapur (opening of Victory House).

CUDDAPAH DISTRICT.—Refresher Course.

COIMBATORE DISTRICT.—Opening of Victory House at Coimbatore, Alandurai and Kuppanur.

TRICHINOPOLY DISTRICT.—Visit to the War Services Exhibition at Puthur.

TINNEVELLY DISTRICT.—Refresher Course at Tenkasi, Alangulam, Palamcottah and Tachanallur.

War Committees, Depots, Etc.

Madras Provincial War Committee

District Recruitment Sub-Committees.—Recruitment figures continued to be satisfactory, Malabar and North Arcot continuing to top the list.

Cadet Training School, Adyar.—The fourth course commences on or about August 21. About 70 candidates will be admitted for this course.

Emergency Commissions.—The Madras Provincial Selection Board met thrice during this month and interviewed 49 candidates, of whom 5 were recommended for Commission and 26 for the Cadet Training School.

Propaganda Sub-Committee

There was a meeting of the Propaganda Sub-Committee on July 26.

The following leaflets were approved by the Sub-Committee for publication:—

Indian Air Force.—Showing the development of the Indian Air Force during the last ten years from a small band of enthusiasts of its present place of importance in the world-wide Allied efforts;

Two more Viceroys Commissions for the Indian Heroes of the War.—Describing the gallantry of the two other Indians, viz., Havildar Parkash Singh and Subedar Lalbahadur Thapa. This leaflet is in continuation of the leaflet No. 46, dated December 23, 1941, giving an account of the first two Viceroys Commissions won by Indian heroes, Lieut. P. S. Bhagat and Subedar Richpal Ram.

The Chairman was authorized to follow up the leaflet entitled "These are Your Men" with another leaflet, drawing pointed attention to deeds of daring and heroism of the Indian soldiers in the various battle-fronts.

The reports received from some of the District War Committees regarding their activities for June were read out to the Committee.

Information furnished by the Director of War Publicity regarding the activities of the National War Front, propaganda vans, slides, films, posters and reading circles, was placed before the Sub-Committee.

The Provincial Publicity Officer, Technical Training Scheme, was co-opted as a member of the Sub-Committee, in pursuance of Government of India letter in the Department of Labour, dated 1st June 1943.

The Propaganda Sub-Committee of the Madras District War Committee met twice during July and continued to distribute war literature received from the Director of War Publicity to the various institutions in the City.

A public meeting was held on July 19 at the St. Mary's Hall, Armenian street, Georgetown, Madras, with the Hon. Mr. Justice Bell in the chair. Dr. Sir C. R. Reddi, Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University, gave a lecture on "Post war India."

The Recruitment Sub-Committee of the Madras District War Committee met on July 8 and recommended 13 candidates for Emergency Commission in His Majesty's Forces out of 22 candidates interviewed.

Madras Hospitality Committee

This committee came into being in the middle of 1941 with certain specified objects in view. These have had to be broadened or modified from time to time. Numerous changes have taken place in the Madras area during the two years that the Committee has been functioning.

Some of the activities of this Committee have resulted in the forming of other organizations with similar aims but specialized objectives. For example, a number of static Canteens operating in the area were helped by this Committee in many ways not the least being in the passing on of the names of those ladies who had volunteered to work in Canteens. This assisted organizers of Canteens considerably in securing helpers but this Committee lost a number of hostesses as naturally ladies cannot work in Canteens and entertain in their houses at the same time. Again the parties given by this Committee at the Y.M.C.A. College of Physical Education, Saidapet, were to a certain extent partly responsible for sowing the seeds which resulted in the present very popular Hut, which now on occasions caters for as many as 400 men a day.

Private Hspoitality.—Organized hospitality has gradually dwindled and has been very limited during the period under review. This does not mean that the people of Madras have become tired of entertaining members of H.M. Forces, but so many residents prefer to invite men they have entertained before or those they meet at Canteens, or in the cinemas, etc.

Games and Sports Equipment.—To regularize matters most applications for sports gear, etc., are referred to the Joint War Charities Committee, but here and there under special circumstances the Committee has provided small items of equipment.

Red Shield Club.—We still pay the rent of the Club House in Kennett's Lane which continues to be one of Madras' most popular attractions to the men in the forces. In addition the Committee has recently undertaken again to pay an allowance of Rs. 160 per month towards the running expenses of the Club.

Mobile Canteen.—This vehicle better known to service men as the 'Red Van,' has continued to be one of the Committee's most popular activities. The 'Red Van' is in the charge of Mrs. Nuttall. Several ladies go out every afternoon leaving about 3-15 and returning at any time from 7 to 8-30 and personal contacts made in this way are one of the most valuable features in the working of the 'Red Van.' There is a 'shop' with a counter on either side of the van and the long double queue awaiting the van's arrival proves its popularity. An average of about Rs. 600 a month is incurred, but supporters will agree that this is little enough when it is known that some 5/6,000 men monthly enjoy the facilities and hospitality provided.

Talbot House.—An allowance of Rs. 100 a month towards the running of this exceedingly popular canteen, is paid by the Committee.

Sub-Committee for Indian Units.—This Sub-Committee has continued to perform splendid work and in addition to parties at the Sir Arthur Hope Club and at various cinemas, etc., has run canteens regularly three or four times a week. All refreshments are supplied free of charge at the expense of the Sub-Committee and when it is realized that often 2,000/3,000 men are entertained in a week it will be readily appreciated how excellently the Committee has functioned. Over 100,000 men have so far been entertained.

Y.M.C.A. College of Physical Education, Saidapet.—With the opening of the new Saidapet Canteen the parties given by the Hospitality Committee had, unfortunately, to be discontinued. The Canteen, however, is proving a very great attraction to men of the forces.

Rugger and Soccer matches at the Gymkhana Club.—The Committee has continued to meet the cost of soft drinks supplied after games to Naval, Military and Air Force sides.

Hockey and Cricket Matches at the M.C.C.—The Committee has met the cost of providing players with soft drinks, after games. The sum of Rs. 200 was also subscribed towards the cost of luncheons provided to service teams during the cricket season.

Club for Members of H.M. Forces at St. Thomas' Mount.—The allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem previously paid to the Rev. S. S. Luckcock is now paid to the Reverend Denis Reed who has succeeded Reverend Luckcock.

Tennis at the Adyar and Carnbuck Clubs.—Arrangements have been made for service men to play tennis at these Clubs and the cost of games, also soft drinks, is borne by the Committee.

The Merchant Navy.—Efforts have been made to include this service in our entertainment arrangements and one or two successful parties have been given.

Capt. G. Huntley—Chaplain...Royal Berks. Regt.—An allowance of Rs. 20 a month was paid to this officer to assist with entertaining men at St. Thomas' Mount. Subsequently, however, owing to changed circumstances Captain Huntley advised that the allowance could be discontinued.

The Committee wish to express their gratitude and thanks to the very large number of residents who have continued to support the activities of the Committee with generous subscriptions and willing help. It is this help that makes the work of the Committee possible. There is still great need for assistance and anyone who would care to help financially or volunteer their services is requested kindly to get into touch with the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer who will be very happy to register their names.

JOINT WAR CHARITIES SUPPLY DEPOT, MADRAS

AMENITIES FOR TROOPS

Issued from Madras Depot—July 1943

Saxaphones	2
Gramophones	21
Vernacular records	109
English records	22
Harmonium	1
Gramophone needles	54
Carrom	24
Indoor games	135
Playing cards	212
Footballs	45
Spare bladders	52
Inflators	4
Football jerseys	96
,, shorts	18
,, boots	22 pairs.
,, stockings	36 pairs.
Rugby footballs	5
Spare bladder	1
Boxing gloves	2 sets.
,, knickers	12
,, vests	12
Mnuckle mits	3
Punching gloves	2 pairs.
Volley balls	16
Spare bladders	17
Volley ball nets	9
Tennikoits	17
Hockey sticks	60
Hockey balls	25
Ping Pong balls	17
,, nets	2
,, stands	2
,, bats	4
Badminton rackets	102
,, net	1
,, balls	12
,, shuttlecocks.	12
Base balls	2
Base ball bat	1
Basket balls	2
,, frames and nets.	2
Tennis balls	82
,, net	1
Cricket bats	3
,, balls	8
,, matting wicket	1
,, practice net	1
,, batting pads	2 pairs.
Cricket batting gloves	2 pairs.
,, W.K. pad	1
,, W.K. gloves	1
,, Inner gloves	1
Dart boards	24
Darts	234
Brass darts	6 sets.
Flights	6
Writing pads	4
Envelopes	8 packets.
Sheets	168
Pillow cases	72
Mattresses	70
Blankets	51
Glass cloths	254
Dusters	58
Dish cloths	397
Kitchen swabs	360
Beaded covers	300
Face towels	70
Bath towels	18
Table cloths	16
Napkins	24
Teapoy covers	55
Day shirts	6
Aprons	90
Pyjamas	6
Khaki puggarees	101
Navy pullovers	13
Navy helmets	12
Folding chairs	6
Cane chairs	29
Dining chairs	6
Deck chairs	72
Tables	7
Dhurries	21
Tea boilers	4
Wiredish covers	3
Cups and saucers	130
Plates	180
Teapots	3
Milk jugs	30
Sugar basins	3
Forks	64
Spoons	114
Knives	58
Tumblers	134
Jugs (glass)	2
,, (enamel)	2
Basins	2
Fish slicers	2
Squeezers	6
Butter dishes	2
Mixing bowls	6
Ladles	2
Frying pans	2
Degshies	4
Thermos flasks	4
Torch	1
Fly swats	42
Ash trays	16
Clocks	4
Soap	16
Scissors	1
Vests	6
Cigarettes	1,000
Matches	12 boxes.
Darning materials	..
Razor	1
Sweets	2,247 lb.
Curtain material	46 yards.

HOSPITAL SUPPLIES

Issued to local hospitals, medical units and convalescent homes

Eye bandages	15
Surgeons sets	12
,, masks	12
Surgical pillows	24
,, pillow cases	48
Shrouds	25
Bedspreads	70
Pillows	15
Pillow cases	24
Mattresses	6
Face towels	6
Face washers	6
Beaded covers	60
Housewifes	25
Hospital suits	18
Pyjamas	37
Dressing-gowns	6
Helpless jackets	2
Bed jackets	12
Pyjama buttons	1 gross.
Operation stockings	6 pairs.
Torch batteries	6
Soap dishes	51
Bed rest	1
Over bed tables	14
Dodsworth boots	8 pairs.
Slippers	6 pairs.
Walking sticks	3
Trays	32
Ash trays	24
Bedside rugs	16
Wastepaper baskets	3
Pulsemeter	1
Cushions	12
Ward pictures	12
,, clock	1
Crutches	7 pairs.
Measuring glasses	6
Tables	18
Folding screens	4
Wheeled chair	1
Tumblers	18
Tea pots	9
Milk jugs	6
Sugar basins	6
Cups and saucers	12
Plates China	28
Coffee pots	6
Coffee cups and saucers.	6
Toast racks	6
Bowls enamel	6
Zinc drums	4
Egg cups	6
Spoons	24
Forks	12
Knives	12
Kitchen knife	1
,, spoons	4
Cruets	6
Ranikin dishes	6
Butter dishes	6
Jam dishes	6
Vegetable dishes	6
Jugs, enamel	4
,, glass	6
Strainers	7
Saucepans	6
Kettles	4
Hair combs	6
Sikh combs	74
Razor	1
Shaving mirrors	4
Tooth brushes	6
,, powder	6
Nail brushes	12
Soap tablets	48
Radio	1
Gramophone	1
Gramophone needles	13 boxes.
Carrom	2
Tennikoit	1
Dart board	1
Indoor games	9
Playing cards	3
Pencils	24
Sweets	1,245 lb.
Lime-juice	3 bottles.

NATIONAL SAVINGS CAMPAIGN

The Government have launched an intense drive to get as much as possible of the surplus money now in circulation in both urban and rural areas invested in Defence Loans, Defence Savings Certificates, etc., to help to meet the cost of the War and to keep down prices. They are confident that the public will give their fullest co-operation. In order to assist members of the public who are prepared to buy Defence Bonds or Defence Savings Certificates but find the procedure for purchasing them troublesome, canvassers specially authorized by the Collector of each district are ready to establish contact with the public throughout the district and collect subscriptions for the purchase of Government of India Defence Bonds and Post Office Defence Savings Certificates on behalf of the subscriber. When receiving any amount, the canvasser gives the subscriber a receipt for it; later on when the Bonds or Certificates are ready, he delivers them to the subscriber in exchange for the receipt originally given to him. The canvassers are Government servants or well-known non-officials of the district. Each canvasser carries a certificate signed by the Collector authorizing him to act as a canvasser for this purpose and if so requested, showing it to subscribers when he receives subscriptions.

The Government hope that it will be possible by means of this drive to withdraw from circulation Rs. 10 crores of excess purchasing power in this Province by the December 31, 1943, and so make an appreciable contribution to the success of the Central Government's plans for stopping the rise in prices.

Taluk Soldiers' Boards

Government concessions.—Government have passed orders to the effect that the children, wives and dependent brothers and sisters of soldiers enrolled under the British Army Act, whose terms of service include liability to serve overseas in a theatre of war shall be eligible for all the educational concessions sanctioned to the children, wives and dependent brothers and sisters of soldiers enrolled under the Indian Army Act. The soldiers should have put in six months approved military service and the student should be too poor to prosecute studies without the help of the concessions. These concessions are—

(*a*) exemption from tuition fees in all grades of educational institutions; and

(*b*) An allowance for the purchase of books, etc., subject to the following maxima:—

	Maximum limit per annum for each child.
	RS.
Elementary schools	5
Secondary schools—	
Primary department	5
Middle school department (Forms I to III) ..	10
High school department (Forms IV to VI) ..	20
Arts colleges—	
Intermediate course	40
Degree course	50
Professional colleges and schools	Actual cost of books purchased.

(*c*) Children who enjoy fee remission in secondary schools under (*a*) above will be exempt from payment of fee for admission to the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Public Examination.

ARCOT (SOUTH).—The Security Inspector toured for 22 days and supervised the work of the Security Instructors. The District Organizer inspected two centres.

CHINGLEPUT.—The Village Security Scheme is working in 36 centres. The training that is being given is very good. The vastads are shaping well.

CUDDAPAH.—The Ceded Districts Soldiers' Board held its first meeting on July 20 and decided to address the Collectors to make special arrangements to provide food-stuffs to the families of serving soldiers. Free cinema shows were arranged by the Tahsildar, Cuddapah, for the members of the families of serving soldiers belonging to Cuddapah town.

KURNOOL.—The Taluk Soldiers' Committees are working satisfactorily. The Secretary, Ceded Districts Soldiers' Board, Cuddapah, ttoured the district and gave instructions on the work to be done by the Committees. The Civil Liaison Officer, Bangalore, also visited the district.

GODAVARI (EAST).—The Forces Club is working satisfactorily in Cocanada and the District Organizer is in personal contact with many of the Royal Air Force personnel in Cocanada.

GUNTUR.—Enquiries are being made regularly into the welfare of the families of men serving overseas through the Taluk Welfare Committees.

RAMNAD.—All the Village Security staff are keen on their duties under the effective supervision of the Security Inspector. All the Taluk Welfare Committees have been changed into Taluk Soldiers' Committees. The Soldiers' Committees are keen and sincere in their work. The National War Front staff enquire into the welfare of soldiers' families. The Committee at Srivilliputtur will be co-opting two ladies as members. Women volunteers also are enrolled for the letter-writing scheme.

Madura-Ramnad District Soldiers' Board.—Seventy-two applications for educational concession were received and they were sent to the respective Tahsildars. Immediate relief in four cases was found necessary and financial assistance was given. Thirty cases of non-receipt of letters, 29 cases of non-receipt of letters and money, 21 cases of non-receipt of family remittance, 32 cases of non-receipt of family allotment, 48 cases of miscellaneous complaints, 23 cases of grant of leave and 22 cases of employment were disposed of. Fifty-seven applications for assignment of land under the "Grow More Food Campaign" were sent to the concerned Revenue Divisional Officers and Sub-Collectors.

Welfare workers.—All the paid welfare workers visited a number of families and investigated complaints. They aided the families of soldiers who are prisoners-of-war by writing letters.

Lady Welfare workers.—The following ladies have been co-opted as Lady Welfare workers: Srivilliputtur: Mrs. Ranjitham Chelliah and Mrs. R. Glory Samuel; Periakulam: Srimathi A. Velammal and Miss Louis Dhanammal; Tirumangalam: Mrs. Lily Appadurai and Mrs. Grace Selvam Packianathan. Mrs. A. S. D. Charles, Lady Lecturer, National War Front, visited 11 families and recorded complaints from them.

Legal assistance.—Mr. R. Chandram Pillai, free Legal Adviser, Srivilliputtur, assisted the family of a serving soldier in respect of certain civil litigation and settled the case amicably.

Taluk Soldiers' Committees.—The Taluk Soldiers' Committees meet every month to transact business. They receive complaints and transmit them to this Board with their remarks for necessary action. The Periakulam Taluk Soldiers' Committee has appointed 18 gentlemen who volunteered to write letters in English for the families of soldiers who are prisoners-of-war. The Secretary, Victory House, Dindigul, sent a few cases of complaint through the Taluk Soldiers' Committee, Dindigul.

SALEM.—All the Taluk Soldiers' Boards and Taluk Welfare Committees are reported to be working satisfactorily. The District Soldiers' Board met on July 16. Special arrangements were made for the supply of food grains to the dependants of serving soldiers. On the proposal of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Salem, that about 3,000 acres of waste land in Manivilundan village, Attur taluk, might be developed into a Soldiers' Colony, it was decided to refer the matter to the Civil Liaison Officer for investigation.

TINNEVELLY.—The Mass Contact Scheme is working in Srivaikuntam, Tenkasi, Ambasamudram, Nanguneri, Koilpatti and Tiruchendur taluks with the funds available. The Village Security Scheme is progressing satisfactorily. The Security Inspector visited the villages under Security Scheme.

VIZAGAPATAM.—Ten Security Inspectors are working under the Village Security Scheme. A Central Training Class for the Security Instructors of Vizagapatam, East Godavari and Nellore districts was held at Cocanada during this month for 10 days. All the Security Instructors attended the class.

ANANTAPUR.—Taluk Soldiers' Boards have been formed in all the taluks in the district. The Secretary to the Ceded Districts Soldiers' Board, Cuddapah, is touring the district.

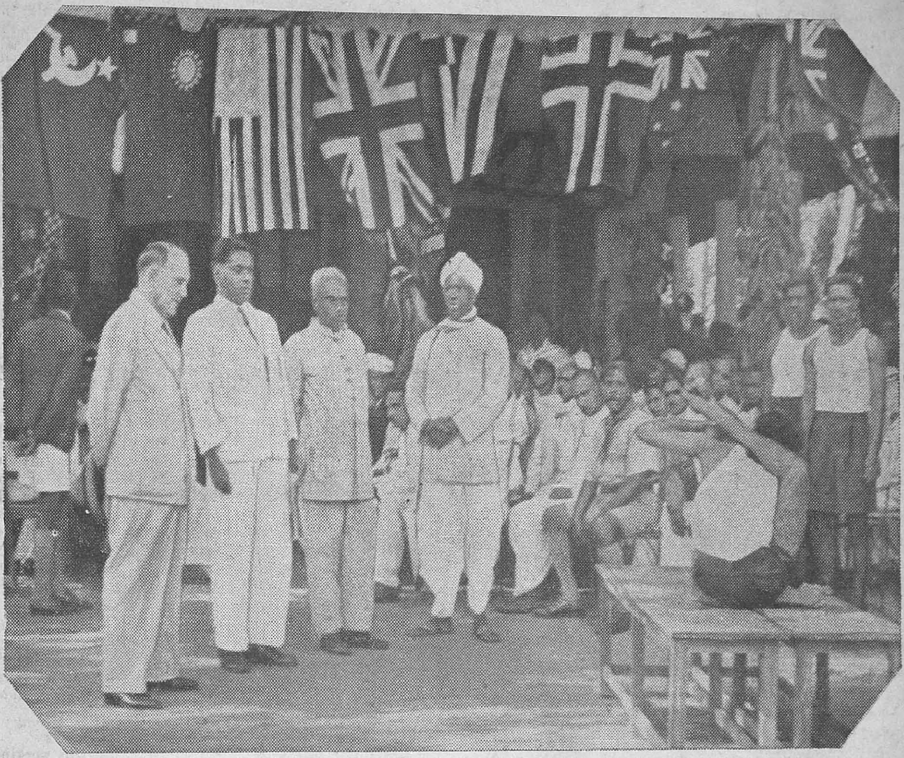
BELLARY.—Welfare Committees have been changed into Taluk Soldiers' Boards which are affiliated to the District Soldiers' Board. Rao Sahib A. V. Ramiah is evincing keen interest in the welfare of the families of soldiers. He rendered assistance in 7 cases and the District Organizer in 3.

NELLORE.—The Security Instructors were given intensive training from July 22 to 31 at Cocanada in Squad drill, First Aid, A.R.P., unarmed combats, games, bratchari dances and other physical exercises. The Security Inspector, Nellore, conducted the preliminary rounds in all the security villages for the tournament to be held in September for the Village Guards, vastads, Security Leaders and Security Instructors.

Relief to Evacuees

RAMNAD.—Applications for financial assistance are pouring in which are receiving sympathetic considerations. A sum of Rs. 61,622–9–3 has been sanctioned towards the relief of evacuees, thus bringing the total amount disbursed so far to Rs. 2,39,929–10–9. Besides financial assistance, test works have been started and the evacuees are encouraged to work. The estate tank work at Perunali is now assigned to the evacuees. The evacuee home at Ramnad and Kamuthi cater for the needs of the ever-increasing inmates. Mr. G. D. Williams, Central Refugee Officer, Southern Zone, Madras, visited several places in this district including Paramakudi, Ilayankudi and Srivilliputhur. The Burmah-Malaya Evacuees Association at Elayangudi presented him with an address. While replying to it, the officer cleared some misapprehensions about the continuance of allowances to able-bodied adults. He exhorted the evacuees to start some industry which will be backed up by the Government.

TINNEVELLY.—Evacuees were given financial assistance amounting to Rs. 5,258. A sum of Rs. 71 was also spent from the Provincial War Committee funds by way of lump-sum donations to distressed evacuees.



Sir George Boag inspecting Village Guards at Tanjore, one of the Village Guards is seen at a display of feat of strength.

MALABAR.—The total amount advanced from this district to evacuees from Burma, etc., up to the end of June comes to Rs. 3,53,831-12-0.

Women's Work Party

TRICHINOPOLY.—The Trichinopoly Women's Work Party did substantial work this month under hospital requisites and supplied the following: Hospital requisites, 1,690; knitted garments, 25.

Famine Relief—Relief Works in Famine Areas

Acute distress, due to adverse seasonal conditions continued to prevail in parts of Bellary, Anantapur and Kurnool districts in July 1943. Although there was some rainfall early in July in Bellary and Kurnool it was not sufficient to attract workers to normal agricultural operations. Thirty relief works in the Bellary district, twenty in the Anantapur district and seven in the Kurnool district were in operation during the month. On an average 152,794 workers and 42,058 dependants were relieved per day in the famine works in the Bellary district, 69,511 workers and 22,764 dependants in the Anantapur district and 28,341 workers and 7,234 dependants in the Kurnool district. A sum of Rs. 25,32,301 was sanctioned for expenditure on the works in July 1943; but this is exclusive of wages paid in kind to workers in the Bellary and Anantapur districts on some days. The Government have also authorized the Board of Revenue to incur expenditure up to Rs. 50,000 for the provision of clothing to the needy in the famine camps in the three districts.

Provision of Clothing

In anticipation of a grant from the Indian Peoples Famine Trust, the Government authorized the Board of Revenue in June 1943 to incur expenditure up to Rupees 50,000 for the provision of clothing for those who needed it in the famine camps in the Bellary, Anantapur and Kurnool districts. As the grant has not yet been sanctioned by the trust and as an early supply of clothing is desirable, the Government have sanctioned a further allotment of Rs. 50,000 for the purpose in anticipation of the sanction of the grant by the Trust.

BELLARY.—There are 30 Famine Relief Camps, with a strength of 176,738 workers, and 46,955 persons getting gratuitous relief. The distress continues to be acute. The fodder depots established at Bellary, Kudathini, Kurugodu, Bantanahal and Sanavasapuram are supplying hill grass in liberal quantities. Cultivating ryots are being given takkavi loans through the special staff appointed for the purpose. The loans granted till the end of July by the Revenue staff amounted to Rs. 4,300, while those granted by the District Agricultural Officer for the purchase of seed grain alone amounted to Rs. 1,006.

Relief to Weavers

RAMNAD.—The collective weaving centre at Aruppukottai is able to provide adequate supply of yarn to weavers when demanded.

Salvage and Waste Paper Collection

RAMNAD.—In all the Taluk offices waste paper is being collected. This month, the Tahsildar of Tirupattur sent 8 bags of waste paper to Mr. I. H. Cameron. More bags will be sent to the Chairman of the Waste Paper Committee soon. The National War Front staff also are making a waste paper and scrap iron collection drive. The Taluk Propagandist at Tirupattur has deposited 900 bullock shoes with the police.

TANJORE.—A small quantity of lead and tin foil has so far been collected. The collection of waste paper, scrap iron, etc., is also in progress.

TINNEVELLY.—Waste paper collection drives were organized by the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars as in previous months. The quantity of waste paper collected during the month by the various officers in the district was 8 maunds, 14 lb. and 4 gunny bags. A sum of Rs. 1,639-15-5 has so far been realised from the sale of waste paper.

Red Cross

BELLARY.—Mrs. A. V. Ramiah has resumed the supervision of sewing and knitting work that is being carried on in the Municipal Girls' School, Adoni. Similar work is being done at Bellary by Mrs. Rego, Headmistress of the Government Girls' School. Mrs. P. Lyon, Joint Secretary of the Junior Red Cross Society, and Mrs. I. M. Fraser, Vice-President, are responsible for the inspiration infused into the workers.

Recruitment Activities

ANANTAPUR.—The Technical Selection Committee, Anantapur, met on July 13 and interviewed 9 candidates and selected four of them as War Technicians. One candidate was recommended for Emergency Commission and one for pre-cadet training.

SOUTH ARCOT.—One-hundred and forty-three men were recruited to the army during this month. The Committee for the selection of War Technicians met on July 27 and selected 3 candidates as War Technicians. The Recruitment Sub-Committee met on July 2 and 19 and recommended 3 candidates for Emergency Commission.

BELLARY.—Officers of the Revenue Department and the staff of the National War Front co-operated with the Recruiting Officers. Rao Sahib A. V. Ramiah of Adoni was responsible for 7 recruits, the Tahsildar of Adoni, and the Revenue Divisional Officer, Adoni, for 2. Mr. T. Narasinga Rao, Senior Deputy Inspector of Schools, Bellary, contributed 13 recruits for various categories under War Technicians.

CHITTOOR.—The Recruitment Sub-Committee of the District War Committee met on July 12 and interviewed 35 candidates for the Civil Pioneer Force and selected 9 out of them for interview before the Provincial Selection Board, Madras. Besides these, 2 other applicants for Emergency Commission were interviewed by the Collector and the Recruitment Sub-Committee. Fifty-six recruits were sent up by the officials of the Revenue Department to the Recruiting officers, and 43 of them were found fit. In all, 142 men were secured for the army this month. The District Organizer and his staff, the Divisional Officers, Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars are carrying on intensive recruitment propaganda.

COIMBATORE.—The Extra Assistant Recruiting Officers and the Assistant Recruiting Officer were assisted as usual by the subordinates of the Revenue Department.

CUDDAPAH.—The Assistant Recruiting Officer and the Extra Assistant Recruiting Officers toured the district enlisting recruits. The Revenue Subordinate Officers and other officers assisted them.

KURNOOL.—The Revenue Subordinates sent up 35 recruits for enlistment in the several branches of the Army. The District Selection Committee for War Technicians met on July 9 and selected 6 candidates. Two candidates for Emergency Commission were interviewed. One was recommended for Viceroy's Commission. Two more applications are pending disposal. Eight candidates were interviewed for Commission in the Civil Pioneer Force, and out of them 3 were recommended.

GUNTUR.—This month 329 men were secured for the army by the recruiting officers and 22 men were directly deputed from the Training Centre of Mr. P. V. Krishniah Chowdary.

The District Selection Committee selected 10 candidates as War Technicians, of whom only two were found to be medically fit. The District Recruitment Sub-Committee selected two candidates for Emergency Commission.

KISTNA.—Seven War Technicians were admitted in the training institution at Bezwada. Fourteen candidates for Emergency Commission were interviewed by the Recruitment Sub-Committee, of whom 13 were found fit. One hundred and thiry-nine recruits were enrolled in the various services in the Indian Army.

MALABAR.—The Recruitment Sub-Committee interviewed 21 candidates for Emergency Commission. Of these, five were recommended to the Provincial Board for Emergency Commission and five for admission to the Cadet Training school. The Technical Recruitment Sub-Committee interviewed 41 candidates for selection as War Technicians and selected 19. Six candidates for commissioned ranks in the Civil Pioneer Force were also interviewed by the Collector, Mr. A. R. MacEwen, C.I.E., M.C., I.C.S., and five were recommended.

RAMNAD.—The tour programmes of the Assistant Recruiting Officer, Madura, and the Extra-Assistant Recruiting Officers of Virudhunagar and Sivaganga were given wide publicity. The revenue staff, including village officers rendered all assistance in securing recruits. The National War Front staff also rendered much help. Of the 20 candidates interviewed, 10 were selected as War Technicians by the Recruiting Sub-Committee. One hundred and fifty-one men were secured for the army.

MADURA.—Two-hundred and forty-four men were secured for the army, the largest number, viz., 55 coming from Periyakulam taluk. The Honorary Assistant Recruiting Officer, Rao Bahadur P. A. Nallasamy Nayudu, retired Military Accountant, did good work. Fifty-seven men were recruited as War Technicians. Mr. Barnes of the Madura Mills, Honorary Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, toured in Kodaikanal, Dindigul, Periyakulam and Madura taluks and did valuable work.

SALEM.—Intensive recruitment propaganda was carried on in the villages. The Extra-Assistant Recruiting Officers visited the taluks in the districts and the Revenue Officers rendered them all possible assistance. The Recruitment Sub-Committee met twice this month, interviewed seven candidates and recommended all for grant of Emergency Commission. The District Selection Committee for the Selection of War Technicians met on July 19, interviewed 24 candidates and selected 12.

TANJORE.—A meeting of the District Selection Committee for the selection of War Technicians was held on July 28. Twelve candidates were selected. The Subordinate Revenue staff have been rendering assistance to the Recruiting Officers and have sent up 142 men for recruitment.

TINNEVELLY.—Six candidates were interviewed for Emergency Commission by the Recruitment Sub-Committee on July 29 of whom 2 were recommended for King's Commission, one for pre-cadet training and one for Viceroy's Commission. The Assistant Recruiting Officer, Palamcottah, recommended four candidates for Viceroy's Commission, to the Recruiting Officer, Bangalore. Of these, two were selected. Twelve candidates were recommended by the Collector for Commission in the Civil Pioneer Force. The number of recruits sent to the army through the Assistant Recruiting Officer, Palamcottah, during July was 203.

TRICHINOPOLY.—The Recruitment Sub-Committee, Trichinopoly, met on July 8 and recommended candidates for Emergency Commission. A special Naval Recruiting Officer paid a visit to Trichinopoly on July 24 for recruiting personnel for the Navy.

VIZAGAPATAM.—Three candidates from Palakonda taluk, 2 from Narasapatam taluk and 13 from Sarvasiddhi taluk were recruited during this month. The Vizagapatam District Selection Committee selected 11 candidates as War Technicians and the Recruitment Sub-Committee selected 4 candidates for Emergency Commission.

GODAVARI (WEST).—This month, 117 men were recruited for the army. The War Technicians' Selection Committee met on July 26 and selected 2 out of 16 candidates. For appointment as Lieutenants and Second Lieutenants in the Madras Civil Pioneer Force, three candidates were recommended to the Government. Orders have been received from the Government sanctioning the raising of another unit (i.e., IV unit) in the Province. Instructions have been issued to Revenue Divisional Officers to begin enrolment.

CHINGLEPUT.—The Recruitment Sub-Committee met on July 24 and interviewed 9 candidates for Emergency Commission. The War Technicians' Selection Committee met on July 24 and interviewed 19 candidates. The application of one candidate who was found medically fit was forwarded to the Chairman, National Service Labour Tribunal, Madras.

GODAVARI (EAST).—Seven candidates were selected as War Technicians and 170 men were secured for the army by the Extra Assistant Recruiting Officer, Cocanada.

SOUTH KANARA.—Mr. Viswanatha Sarma, Assistant Publicity Officer, N.S.L.T., Madras, visited Mangalore and recruited 2 persons for the Artificer's course to the R.I.N. training centre at Pilani. In connexion with the special recruitment drive, it is proposed to observe a Recruitment Week from August 15 to 21. Out of the 7 candidates interviewed by the District Selection Committee on July 28, 3 were recommended for admission to the Pre-Cadet Training School, Madras. Out of the 22 candidates interviewed, 11 were recommended and sent up for posts of Commissioned Officers in the Madras Civil Pioneer Force.

CIVIL PIONEER FORCE IV UNIT TO BE RAISED

The Government of India have sanctioned the raising of another unit (i.e. IV Unit) in the Civil Pioneer Force in this Province. The unit will be required to undertake service outside the Province and will consist of two Tamil companies and two Telugu companies. Recruitment to the Tamil companies will be made from Chingleput, South Arcot, Salem and Trichinopoly districts, and for the Telugu companies from the East Godavari, West Godavari, Guntur, Kistna and Nellore districts.

NELLORE.—The Recruitment Sub-Committee recommended one candidate for Emergency Commission. Recruitment propaganda was carried on by officials and non-officials in the course of their visits to villages.

Following are the statistics available from the districts:

Recruitment to the Army.—South Arcot 143; Chittoor 142; Kurnool 35; Guntur 351; Kistna 139; Ramnad 151; Madura 244; Tinnevelly 203; Vizagapatam 18; West Godavari 117; East Godavari 170.

Emergency Commission (recommended).—Anantapur 1; South Arcot 3; Chittoor 2; Kurnool 2; Guntur 2; Kistna 13; Malabar 5; Salem 7; Vizagapatam 4; Nellore 1.

War Technicians.—Anantapur 4; South Arcot 3; Bellary 22; Kurnool 6; Guntur 2; Kistna 7; Malabar 19; Ramnad 10; Madura 57; Salem 12; Tanjore 12; Vizagapatam 11; West Godavari 2; Chingleput 1; East Godavari 7; South Kanara 2.

Cadet Training School.—Anantapur 1; Tinnevelly 1; South Kanara 3.

Civil Pioneer Force (recommended for Commission).—Chittoor 9; Kurnool 3; Malabar 5; Tinnevelly 12; West Godavari 3; South Kanara 11.

Viceroy's Commission (recommended).—Kurnool 1; Tinnevelly 3.

King's Commission (recommended).—Tinnevelly 2.

Village Reading Circles

ANANTAPUR.—All the Reading Circles are working satisfactorily. The District Organizer inspected four of them during the month.

BELLARY.—All the 357 Reading Circles are functioning satisfactorily under the supervision of the touring officers of the various departments.

CHINGLEPUT.—The District Lecturer visited 18 Reading Circles. The working of the Reading Circles are generally satisfactory.

GUNTUR.—The propaganda staff inspected regularly the Reading Circles in the villages they visited.

KISTNA.—The work of the Reading Circles is satisfactory.

MADURA.—There are 612 Reading Circles in the district. They are all working satisfactorily. Two hundred and seventy-two Reading Circles were inspected this month.

TANJORE.—There are 855 Reading Circles and 18 National War Front Committees in this district and they are reported to be functioning satisfactorily. One hundred and seventy-four Reading Circles were inspected this month. The National War Front staff, the staff of the Revenue Department and the Officers of other departments such as Registration, Agriculture, Co-operative, Public Health, Education, Public Works, Commercial Tax, etc., are inspecting and seeing to the proper working of the Reading Circles.

TINNEVELLY.—All the Reading Circles are working satisfactorily. The National War Front staff, the staff of the Revenue, Education, Registration, Co-operative and other departments are seeing to their proper working.

VIZAGAPATAM.—The Taluk Welfare Committees and the Village Reading Circles inspected by them are functioning satisfactorily.

Govt. Departments and War Effort

Co-operative Department

The district officers and the subordinate inspectorate staff of the department were more active than ever during July in carrying on war propaganda. Invariably at every general meeting conducted by co-operative societies some officer of the department was present and explained the exact situation in the progress of the war. The recent victories in Sicily and the consequent developments in Italy were widely made known to the rural folk. Two societies in Malabar interested themselves in recruitment and urged the members present to join the forces. Inspectors in several districts visited, during their camps, village reading circles and disseminated correct news about the war. Pamphlets and posters relating to the war efforts were exhibited by a number of societies to members and non-members. All officers continued to co-operate with the Collectors and District Organizers of the National War Front in the promotion of the war efforts.

"Grow More Food" Campaign.—The distribution of improved varieties of pure seeds of paddy as well as vegetables was attended to vigorously during the month. About 100 acres of land not hitherto cultivated have been brought under cultivation in the South Kanara district through the effort of three co-operative societies. One notable evidence of the effectiveness of the "Grow More Food" propaganda conducted by the officers of the department is the healthy reaction discernible in the demand for registration of more co-operative societies for vegetable growing. Two such have been organized in the South Kanara and another in the South Arcot districts. The Thirumani Co-operative Society in the North Arcot district purchased good vegetable seeds from Pestonjee P. Pocha and Sons, and distributed them free among such members of the public as desired to cultivate them. Cultivation loans under the controlled credit system are under disbursement in several districts. It is also seen that in almost all the districts, the more enthusiastic among the leaders of the co-operative movement are doing everything possible to secure more waste lands for cultivation and to encourage ryots to take to such cultivation by providing the necessary finance, agricultural implements, seeds and manure. The District Committees of the "Grow More Food" campaign of which Deputy Registrars are members met in several districts for the first time, and formulated schemes for better and more effective methods of making the campaign a real success.

Distribution of food stuffs and action taken to ease the food situation.—The special schemes of food distribution through co-operative stores societies continued to work and to progress satisfactorily in the cities of Madras and Vizagapatam and in 34 important mufassal towns. The stores societies not coming under these schemes played no less an important part. Rationing of rice is gradually coming into force in urban areas of deficit districts. In Anantapur town for instance where rationing of rice has been introduced, the four co-operative stores societies working in the town have undertaken to work the scheme by opening additional depots in the different wards of the municipality. Stores societies in the Trichinopoly-Srirangam Municipal area are also actively getting prepared to work the scheme of rationing to be introduced there. Generally speaking, the opening of branches and depots by primary and wholesale stores has been steadily increasing. The Collector of Kurnool made an appreciative reference to the good work done by the Kurnool Co-operative Wholesale Stores and its affiliated primaries in his speech welcoming His Excellency the Governor of Madras on the occasion of His Excellency's visit to Kurnool on July 3. The Mandapam Camp Co-operative Stores in the Ramnad district supplied the goods required by units of the Royal Indian Navy stationed there. The Mulki and Udipi Co-operative Stores in the South Kanara district obtained donations from the charitably minded rich, and charitable institutions, and utilized the amounts for enabling it to sell rice to the poor and the needy at less than the cost price.

The particulars of war orders executed by the weavers' co-operative societies are as below:—

Name of variety.	Quantity. Ordered.	Quantity. Produced.	Quantity. Passed.
Mazri	338,000	354,254	324,414
Dusters	75,000	75,702	68,247
Dosuti	138,900	137,177	62,596
Handkerchiefs	25,000	26,778	24,997
Bunting Yellow	20,525	19,973	16,502
Gauze	110,000	117,348	Nil.
Bandage	265,000	339,125	93,854
Bandage Plaster of Paris	830,000	825,091	410,711
Dungree	34,542	47,361	34,889
Mazri third order	165,000	156,346	98,531
China sheeting	300,000	117,202	Nil.
Bandage scoured	280,000	8,029	Nil.
Dusters	48,000	8,314	Nil.

Besides the above, weavers' societies have also undertaken the production of cheap handloom standard cloth for civilian consumption. For this purpose 22,398 looms have so far been set apart. Up to July 15, 617,714 yards of cloth consisting of shirtings, dhoties, sarees and towels have been produced and are now on sale through the emporiums of the Madras Handloom Weavers' Provincial Co-operative Society and other co-operative institutions all over the Province. The manufacture of camouflage nets at Cuddalore, Kadapakkam in the Chingleput district and by the Udangudi Cottage Industries Co-operative Society in the Tinnevelly district is proceeding apace. The Quilandi Artisans' Co-operative Society in the Malabar district supplied 447 sets of blades and cutters, 83 cook-knives and 38 table-knives to the Senior Inspector, War Supplies, Calicut, manufacturing the articles from the raw materials supplied by that officer. The Kumbakonam

and Ellore Leather Workers' Co-operative Societies made further supplies during the month in execution of the War orders placed with them for sandals and chaplis. The Katpadi Egg Marketing Society supplied eggs for war purposes as noted below:—

(1) Y.M.C.A. Huts for British Troops, Madras	..	24,720
(2) Toc. 'H' Canteen, Coimbatore ..	..	25,164
(3) The Hindustan Aircraft, Ltd., Bangalore ..	..	1,584

The Thrift and Savings Campaign.—Government have approved the proposal to run the thrift campaign inaugurated long ago by co-operative societies side by side with the Defence Savings Campaign for the intensification of which they have recently initiated a drive. The first lays emphasis on prudence as a personal virtue to be imbibed by every man and woman in times of war and peace alike, while the latter appeals to the investing public to show a discriminating preference in favour of Defence Loans, Defence Savings Certificates, etc. Co-operative societies have come forward to invest their surplus funds not immediately required for their loan business in these securities. The total amount so far invested by them is Rs. 85·50 lakhs. This is nearly a sixth of the total subscriptions in the Province of Madras in Defence Loans. Special mention may be made in this connexion of the Guntur District Co-operative Central Bank, Ltd., which has invested Rs. 50,000 besides inducing 8 other societies to invest Rs. 17,600. The officers of the Department in the Guntur district lead the officers of the department in the Province by subscribing Rs. 150 every month for the purchase of Defence Savings Certificates. Officers in other districts are also investing liberally in these bonds and funds. Some of them have already joined and some have decided to join the Defence Savings Provident Fund from August onwards at the instance of the Registrar.

General.—The outstanding event of the month was the holding of the War Services Exhibition at Trichinopoly and the participation of the department in it. There were three stalls assigned to the department. In one of them, the Trichinopoly-Srirangam Milk Supply Union put up a Milk Bar where palgova, butter, cream, hot milk and iced milk were provided to the visitors both military and lay. The Diary Expert of the department was in charge of the arrangements. Sir P. T. Rajan who opened the exhibition and Sir George Boag, First Adviser to His Excllency the Governor, who visited it, spent a lively half hour at these stalls and evinced keen interest in the activities of the department as illustrated by the exhibits that were on show.

Industries and Commerce Department

Government Textile Institute, Madras.—Specimens of yarn for war orders received from the different Collective Weaving Centres are being tested free of charge in the Textile Laboratory of the institute. The use of the Laboratory is also availed of by the officers of the Indian Stores Department for testing yarn, etc., intended for war supply.

War Technicians' Training—Government School of Technology, Madras.—The training of war technicians continued to progress satisfactorily during the month under report. There are at present 220 technicians in the school under training in various trades.

Government Industrial School, Madura.—The school gave intensive training in various trades to 269 war technicians during the month. Twenty trainees who underwent training were despatched to Army Units. The night shift worked as usual. Special attention is paid to bring out best quality trainees as per Government of India instructions. A series of health lectures are being conducted for the trainees. The District Health Officer has been kind enough to depute his staff for the purpose.

Government Industrial School, Bellary.—During the month under review, 4 fresh admissions were made in the War Trainee Section. There are at present 27 trainees undergoing training at this centre. Every effort is being made to recruit candidates locally. The progress and the attendance of the trainees during the month were satisfactory.

Government Industrial Engineering Workshops, Madras.—The present strength of War Technicians undergoing training in the workshops is 115, of which there were 42 fitters, 4 machinists, 25 turners, 15 blacksmiths and 29 basic trainees in metal working trade.

War Supplies Section.—The following items of stores were manufactured and supplied during the month of June:—

Charpois folding ..	81	Camouflage nets, 24′ × 24′.	1,551
Sandals, P.O.W. ..	74	Chaplis, hospital, I.T.	1,277
Camouflage nets, 29′ × 29′.	1,000	Helves, pick axe, $6\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	2,308
Awl handles ..	19 and 10/12 doz.	Helves, pick axe, $4\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	1,391
Handles, chisel or gouge.	39 and 1/6 doz.	Knives, cook 9″ ..	380
Auger handles, small.	28	Pith hats	5,480
Axes hand helves ..	1,012		

Engineering Activities—Bezwada Division.—Eight hand-boring sets were deputed for work in various military camps.

Tanjore Division.—Seven hand-boring sets were engaged in putting down borings for supply of water at aerodromes. A 6 inches high speed pumping test engine was also employed throughout the month for supply of water. In addition, a power drill also worked for putting down a boring.

Chingleput Subdivision.—Four test engine sets are working at four different evacuation camps.

Madras Subdivision.—Repairs to hand-boring sets, kite-motion pumps, etc., engaged on military works at various places were carried out.

Coimbatore Division.—Three test engines and four boring sets were engaged throughout the month for supplying water for military works.

Fisheries Section.—A sum of Rs. 11-7-6 through hundi boxes was collected during the month towards His Excellency the Governor's War Fund.

Agricultural Department

Contribution.—The figures given below represent the contributions made by the staff of this department:—

	RS.	A.	P.
His Excellency the Governor's War Fund ..	60	5	0
Purchase of Defence Saving Stamps	357	8	0
Do. Certificates	623	0	0
Defence Savings Provident Fund	1,144	12	0
Do. Bank Deposit	7	0	0
Hundi collections	30	15	9
Total ..	2,223	8	9

Propaganda.—Propaganda was carried on by the touring staff of the department on the following items of war work on all possible occasions when the ryots were addressed on the promotion of improved methods of agriculture:—

Present war situation; need for growing more food-crops; advice to grow food crops in waste lands and vegetable crops in back yards and garden lands taking advantage of several concessions that are being granted by Government from time to time; necessity to help in war efforts by enlisting in the army and thereby bettering their prospects; the evil effects that arise due to hoarding of foodstuffs; liberal financial contribution which materially speeds up the progress of war.

Recruitment.—As a result of propaganda on this line, the public were enlightened of the enviable positions in war service for all classes of people. A few instances in which some of the departmental staff offered their services towards war are quoted below:—

Mr. C. Bhujanga Rao, Assistant in Fruits, Kodur, had an interview with the Collector of Cuddapah on July 17 in connexion with the selection for Civil Pioneer Force.

Messrs. S. D. S. Albuquerque and P. M. Sayeed Sahib, Botany Assistants, Agricultural Research Station, Kasaragod, had an interview with the Collector in connexion with the selection for Civil Pioneer Force.

Mr. B. Narayana was selected for undergoing training as Mechanic Draftsman (War) at Engineering College, Guindy.

Trichinopoly district.—Six persons from Karur were sent to the recruiting office for enlistment in the army.

The Store-keeper, Omalur, joined as a clerk in the Military Department.

The Agricultural Demonstrator, Palni (Madura district), nominated a candidate for the army.

Mr. V. Duraiswami, Laboratory Attendant, Oilseeds Section, Coimbatore, was relieved on July 8 to join the Royal Indian Navy.

The Agricultural Demonstrator, Jammalamadugu (Cuddapah district), sent up one recruit, who was enlisted by the Extra Assistant Technical Recruiting Officer, Proddatur.

Exhibitions and Entertainments.—A war service exhibition was held in Trichinopoly from July 16 to 26. About 50,000 people visited daily. Sections dealing with the various activities of different war services were on show and also a "Grow More Food" stall, where green manure and fodder crops, model cattle sheds, preservation of cattle manure, economic hearth, hand-pounding of paddy, process of malt-making, foods from cereals, vegetables and fruits were exhibited.

A benefit performance was held at Kurumbur, Tiruchendur taluk, Tinnevelly district, when a sum of Rs. 1,350 was collected.

General—Ergot.—The production of this valuable drug received special attention. The crops of "rye" sown in April came into flower during this month. Importation of a special variety of rye, which was discovered to be more suitable for "ergot" production than the one now on hand was proposed.

A Victory House was opened at Tanjore on July 24 by Sir George Boag, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., I.C.S., Adviser to His Excellency the Governor.

Yeast.—Further progress was made with the production of 'yeast' from 'molasses.' Another strain of 'yeast' was multiplied and its suitability for production studied.

The Marketing Section of this department at Madras furnished statistics, reports, returns, etc., to—

(*a*) this office:

(1) Figures of annual production and consumption of dried fish in this province;

(2) Pre-war figures of foreign exports and the share of each province during the five years ending 1937–38 in connexion with the proposal of the Government of India to export bones and bonemeal to United Kingdom for the manufacture of glue.

Statistics of export of bones and bonemeal from the Madras province to foreign countries during the period 1938–39 to 1942–43.

(3) A detailed report on (1) net available supplies of oil-cakes and bonemeal in this province; (2) part of the total area under paddy covered by them; (3) the estimated additional production resulting therefrom; and (4) additional supplies considered essential to cover the whole of the area under paddy for planning the All-India food production drive.

(4) Estimates of annual requirements of consumers goods by the agricultural population.

(5) Figures of export requirements of groundnut seed, quantities used for edible purposes and the normal requirements for crushing with remarks on the question whether the present groundnut position in the province and increased crushing capacity will permit the full quota of 3 lakhs of tons required by the British Food Ministry from this province.

(6) Statistics on export of gingelly oil-cake from this province during the years 1938–39 to 1941–42.

(7) Statement indicating production, imports, exports and net available supplies of groundnuts in respect of this province for the years 1938–39 to 1942–43.

(8) Report on the result of tests with caustic soda solution to ascertain the degree of polishing on different varieties of rice.

(*b*) The Chief Controller of Purchase, New Delhi:

Average prices of castor seed in Guntur, Vizagapatam and Vizianagram markets during the months of May and June 1943.

(*c*) Assistant Secretary to Government, Development Department:

Figures relating to area under potatoes, production and quantity required by the dehydrating factories during 1943.

(*d*) Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras:

Average weekly prices of "Agmark" 'B' grade eggs during April, May, June and July 1943.

(*e*) Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Madras:

(1) Availability of large stocks of grains and pulses in the Kistna district.

(2) Report on the result of tests with caustic soda solution to ascertain the degree of polishing on different varieties of rice.

(3) Weekly prices of important agricultural commodities at Madras City and wholesale prices of potatoes at Mettupalaiyam.

(*f*) Commissioner of Police and Collector of Madras:

Weekly statements showing the total quantities of sugar received and despatched from Madras Salt Cotaurs.

(*g*) Controller of Supplies, Madras:

Quotations for the supply of large quantities of big-sized Bellary onions collected from different centres in this province.

The Millet Section at Coimbatore made supply of the following strains to various districts:—

	LB.
Cholam seed	18,205
Cumbu	1,100
Ragi	31
Tenai	129

Takkavi loans were liberally issued to encourage increased production of food crops.

Medical Department

A. RECRUITMENT.

I. *Indian Medical Service.*—The appended table will indicate the progress of recruitment to the various categories in the Emergency Cadre of the Indian Medical Service during the month of July 1943:—

——	General service.	Service within Indian limits.	Special lists Commissions.	Women's branch.	Remarks.
Applied ..	4	..	2	2	
Fit	5	..	1	..	
Appointed ..	2	..	..	..	*Appointed by the Surgeon-General.

During the month under report one Civil Assistant Surgeon of the Madras Medical Service applied for appointment as a Specialist in Ophthalmology in the Emergency Cadre of the Indian Medical Service and his application is under consideration.

II. *Indian Army Medical Corps.*—(i) During the month under report all possible efforts were made to stimulate recruitment to this category of service. Dr. A. Viswanathan, Editor, *Indian Medical Journal* and Dr. D. V. Venkappa, who were appointed as Chief Propaganda Officer and Local Touring Officer, respectively, are touring in different areas of the province doing propaganda work and encouraging medical licentiates to join the Indian Army Medical Corps. Besides the two officers, the Government of India have deputed an Emergency Commissioned Licentiate Officer of the Indian Army Medical Corps to do propaganda work in this province in connexion with this recruitment. The officer reported for duty on 16th July 1943. A Publicity Campaign was organized at the War Services Exhibition held at Trichinopoly during the month under report with a view to give publicity to the recruitment to the various military medical services.

(ii) Forty-five licentiates applied for appointment in the Indian Army Medical Corps during the month. Four meetings of the Madras Provincial Indian Army Medical Corps Recruitment Committee were held during the month and 31 out of the 47 candidates were found fit and suitable for appointment to the Emergency Cadre of the Indian Army Medical Corps. Twenty-six of them have already been nominated to join duty at Poona on 7th August 1943.

III. *Civil Medical Practitioners (Graduates).*—One vacancy mentioned in last month's report has since been filled up by the Assistant Director of Medical Services, Madras District. One vacancy has since been reported and the question of filling it up is engaging the attention of the Surgeon-General.

IV. *Civil Medical Practitoners (Licentiates).*—Recruitment of Civil Medical Practitioners (Licentiates) for employment in Military Hospitals in India has been suspended for the present.

V. *Anti-Malarial Assistants.*—One application received is under consideration of the Surgeon-General.

VI. (*a*) *Military Nursing Services (I.M.N.S.T.).*—During the month of July 1943 five applications were received for appointment to the I.M.N.S. (T)—two from nurses in Government service and three from private candidates. All the nurses from this province who applied for appointment as nursing sisters in the Royal Indian Navy Hospital, Bombay, have received intimation that they have not been selected for appointment to that service. Of these, two Government nurses have since volunteered for I.M.N.S. (T.) during the month.

Four Government nurses have since volunteered for were selected for appointment to the I.M.N.S. (T.) during the month. Of these, one Government nurse has since expressed her inability to join the service.

(*b*) *Auxiliary Nursing Service.*—During the month under report 73 candidates have been selected and posted for training at the following training centres:—

Government General Hospital, Madras	30
General Hospital, Ernakulam	30
Erskine Hospital, Madura	10
King George Hospital, Vizagapatam	3

On 30th July 1943 about 40 candidates were interviewed by the Selection Committee that met at the Government General Hospital, Madras, and 30 candidates have been selected for the ensuing course. These candidates are being posted for training at the Headquarters Hospital, Tanjore, Government Royapettah Hospital, Madras, and the Headquarters Hospital, Coimbatore.

B. GENERAL.

I. *War Effort with reference to A.R.P. (Medical)*—(*a*) *Blood Banks.*—The total number of donors bled up to and the balance of plasma available in the Blood Banks in this Presidency on 15th July 1943 are as follows:—

Number of donors bled.	Balance of plasma available in c.c.
3,063	1,71,763

(*b*) *Hospital Services.*—The Government have sanctioned the purchase of additional equipment and employment of additional staff for the beds to be provided for air raid casualties in Bezwada.

(*c*) *Medical attendance on A.R.P. Personnel.*—The Government have ordered the free medical treatment of the A.R.P. personnel in all Government Hospitals and dispensaries.

(*d*) *A.R.P. Subsidiary Schemes.*—Paid staff of wardens and fire fighters has been sanctioned in connexion with the A.R.P. subsidiary schemes framed for certain Government hospitals in the mufassal. The supply of uniform annually to the paid A.R.P. subsidiary scheme personnel employed in the Government Medical Institutions in Madras City has been sanctioned.

II. *A.R.P. Medical Organization in the Madras Fortress Area—First Aid Posts*—(*a*) *City.*—For the 28 First Aid Posts in the City, there are 61 doctors, 140 nurses and 354 First Aiders (paid 198 and voluntary 156).

(*b*) *Mufassal.*—For the 5 First Aid Posts in the mufassal, there are 9 doctors, 4 nurses and 58 First Aiders (paid 33 and voluntary 25).

(*c*) *Mobile First Aid Posts.*—There are now 17 doctors (all volunteers), 22 nurses, 30 nursing orderlies, 29 stretcher-bearers, 12 lay persons and 10 drivers for the six mobile units. Of these, the sixth unit has not yet been formed pending the purchase of the chassis.

First Aid Parties.—Out of 155 parties sanctioned, there are now 106 (paid 106 and voluntary nil).

Ambulances.—Out of 77 ambulances required, there are now 56 (A.R.P. owned 49, War Charities 2, Hospital Ambulances 5). There are 99 ambulance attendants (95 paid and 4 voluntary).

Cars for First Aid Parties.—There are 122 First Aid Party Cars (105 A.R.P. owned and 17 voluntary).

Reserve equipment.—Arrangements are being made to purchase the first and second line reserve equipment for which the Government sanctioned an expenditure of Rs. 3,77,900. Indents for articles for over Rs. 500 have been sent through the Controller to the Director-General of Supply, Chief Controller of Purchase (Supply) Medical Division, New Delhi.

Training.—As usual, the First Aiders in Party and Posts are given training in advanced stretcher drill, etc., by the instructors and in surgical dressings at the Government General, Stanley and Royapetta Hospitals and Government and Corporation Dispensaries.

Out of the batch of 12 students who underwent Specialist Training in First Aid in the first course held at the Casualty Wing, Provincial Training School, in June 1943, 9 passed and 3 failed. The second course with a batch of 12 students commenced on 5th July 1943 and ended on 27th July 1943. Out of the 14 students who appeared for the examination including 2 who failed in the first course, 9 passed and 5 failed.

Medical examination.—Regular examination of cooks, etc., and inspection of messes are conducted by the two full time First Aid lecturers (Medical men).

III. *St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade.*—During the month, 87 candidates passed in First Aid and Home Nursing and qualified themselves for the award of certificates.

An Ambulance Division is under formation at Jiyapuram in the Trichinopoly district and the forms of registration have been sent to headquarters for their sanction.

The War Services Exhibition arrived in Trichinopoly and opened officially on the 16th July 1943 and closed down on the 26th July 1943. There was incorporated in this exhibition a stall belonging to the Joint War Committee of the Red Cross and St. John, which was designed to demonstrate to the public the activities of the Ambulance and Nursing Divisions. The stall was erected by the exhibition authorities, but the staffing of the stall had to be arranged by the Local Nursing and Ambulance Services. At the suggestion of headquarters certain typical incidents were staged to make the exhibits more realistic. The men's division attended to the accidents and rendered first aid, the cases were then loaded with the ambulance and then placed in charge of the Nursing Division. The whole working was very satisfactory and all taking part co-operated in a most exemplary manner to make the exhibition a success. A very large number of the public attended the exhibition daily and very large proportion of these persons were attracted to the stall and saw for themselves at first hand the activities of both the Ambulance and Nursing Sections of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Education Department

During the month under report, a sum of Rs. 30 was collected from the members of the staff of the office of the Director of Public Instruction and out of this, 3 Defence Savings Certificates were purchased.

The following pictures and pamphlets were distributed among the educational institutions of this Presidency:—

National War Front pamphlets—Nos. 18, 19, 26, 31, 32 and 33; Royal Air Force Log Book; Nations at War—China; why can't he mind his own business; picture sets; ten years old—Indian Air Force; Victory for the United Nations; and Wild Beasts.

Defence Savings stamps to the value of Rs. 20 were sold to the members of the staff during this month.

Forty-three applications were received from the subordinates of this office for various posts in the Defence Services and forwarded with the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction. Of these, one was for a King's Commission in the Army Educational Corps.

Government Museum

A permanent advance of Defence Savings Stamps to the value of Rs. 25 has been sanctioned by Government and during the month under report, stamps to the value of Rs. 22 were sold to the members of the staff of this office.

Connemara Public Library

The different pamphlets, maps and pictures that are being received at this Library are being regularly placed on the readers' tables for the use of the public, the latest items received being 'Front Line' 1940–41 (the Official Story of the Civil Defence of Britain); 'Neptune', for the use of Merchant Seamen; 'Air Sea Rescue' and 'War in Pictures'. Subscription to the Defence Savings Provident Fund for this month is Rs. 30 and a sum of Rs. 15 has also been collected during the month by the sale of Defence Savings Stamps to some of the members of the staff and to the public.

Madras Record Office

Subscription to the Defence Savings Provident Fund was Rs. 92. Defence savings groups have been formed consisting of 18 members and Rs. 43 was collected from them during the month for purchasing Defence Savings Certificates. A sum of Rs. 19–12–0 was also collected during the month by the sale of Defence Savings Stamps to the low-paid members of the staff who could not join the Defence Savings groups. Two clerks have applied for Commission in the Madras Civil Pioneer Force. One applied for a Civil Store-keeper's post in the Indian Air Force and one attender for a clerk's post in the Military department. One clerk has applied for a post of Assistant Stores Officer for the Military Engineer Services.

Public Health Department

War propaganda was carried on with the aid of lantern shows. Contributions were made towards the amenities for troops fund. A number of villages were visited and correct war information was disseminated. People were encouraged to invest their savings in the Defence Savings Certificates, etc.

Police Department

A sum of Rs. 118–15–0 was contributed by the Police Officials towards His Excellency's War Fund and 27 constables of the Armed Reserve of the Madras City Police contributed their blood to the Blood Bank during July.

Veterinary Department

Finance.—During the month, a sum of Rs. 28–12–0 was donated by the members of this Department and another sum of Rs. 85–15–7 was collected from Hundi boxes kept at the Veterinary Institutions and remitted towards His Excellency the Madras Governor's War Fund. Defence Savings certificates and stamps to the value of Rs. 185–4–0 were purchased by the staff. A sum of Rs. 674 was contributed by the staff of the Department towards the Defence Savings Provident Fund and another sum of Rs. 12–4–0 towards Defence Savings Bank Account.

Propaganda.—The officers of the Department, both touring and stationary, continued to do propaganda work on the usual lines by explaining to the public the correct position regarding the War and exhorted them to help the War effort in all possible directions by contributing liberally in the shape of men, money and materials. The Veterinary Assistant Surgeons continued to visit the Village Reading Circles in the course of their tours and delivered lectures on the War. The staff also participated in the "Grow More Food" campaigns and carried out propaganda against the hoarding of food grains.

Recruitment.—Farriers for the Army are being trained by the Department in Madras and Coimbatore.

Jail Department

The boys of the Junior Certified School, Bellary, gave a concert to the 3/3 Madras Regiment at Bellary, on July 8 at the request of the Welfare officer. The Commanding Officer of the Regiment was pleased with the entertainment and donated Rs. 50 towards the purchase of attractive costumes for the boys.

The staff of the office of the Inspector-General of Prisons are now contributing more than Rs. 25 per mensem towards the purchase of defence savings stamps.

Registration Department

The sub-registrars, to whom the supervision and conduct of the Village Reading Circles are entrusted, visited the Circles frequently and explained to the public the favourable turn the War has taken and of the downfall of the Italian Dictator, Mussolini. They advised the people to enlist in the Army in greater numbers and also to purchase War Bonds and Defence Savings Stamps. The people were also asked to grow more food.

The Registrar of South Arcot presided over a public meeting held at Vallam on July 7, under the auspices of the National War Front and explained to the audience the various war activities of the Allies.

The Sub-Registrars of Tinnevelly district contributed a sum of Rs. 294–7–0 towards His Excellency the Governor's War Fund. The Sub-Registrar of Kallidaikurichi collected Rs. 75 by selling tickets for the Variety entertainments in aid of the Amenities for Troops Fund. Mr. E. V. Narasimhayya, Sub-Registrar of Nanguneri, collected Rs. 1,055 for the Poor Relief Association, started in connexion with the War, under the aegis of the Sub-Collector and District Collector.

The Sub-Registrar of Amalapuram (East Godavari district) held meetings in Konkapalli and other villages and explained to the public the present war situation and the evils of hoarding food grains.

Fifty-five applications were received in July from the subordinates of this department for various posts in the Defence Services and forwarded to the authorities concerned. Of these 10 applicants were selected.

The contributions made by the Registration staff towards the undermentioned funds in July 1943 are as follows:—

Defence Savings Provident Fund, Rs. 687; Defence Savings Bank Account, Rs. 138–7–0.

Officers of this department sold Defence Savings Stamps to the value of Rs. 7,277 during the months of June and July.

"Grow More Food"

Loans for Purchase of Manure

In April 1943, the Government empowered District Agricultural Officers to grant loans on personal security up to a maximum of Rs. 50 to each applicant for the purchase of manure or improved varieties of seed. The Chittoor District Food Production Committee has suggested that the loans should be advanced partly in kind and partly in cash instead of wholly in kind, and that the loans should also be advanced to any registered holder of a joint holding on his executing a security bond. The Government, after consulting the Board of Revenue, have stated that they have no objection to the grant of the loans by the District Agricultural Officers partly in kind, and partly in cash, but that the loans should as far as possible be in kind. They have also directed that the benefit of the scheme should be extended to registered holder of a joint holding on the personal security offered by the individual.

Godavari Western Delta

In order to grow more food, the Government have sanctioned the immediate execution at an estimated cost of Rs. 5·15 lakhs (five lakhs fifteen thousand) including indirect charges, of the scheme for improving irrigation and drainage facilities in Kanoor and other villages in the Godavari Western delta.

Relangi Channel

The Government have sanctioned the immediate execution at an estimated cost of Rs. 12,832 (for works, direct and indirect charges) for extending irrigation to 290 acres in Garagaparru, Mogallu and Gollalacoderu villages under the Relangi channel of Attia canal, Godavari Western delta.

Production of Vegetables

His Excellency the Governor of Madras is pleased to sanction the employment of the following staff temporarily for a period of one year from the date of employment in order to increase the production of vegetables in and around Madras City and the towns of Coimbatore and Trichinopoly:—

MADRAS CITY.—Two Agricultural Demonstrators on Rs. 75—7½/2—105 per mensem each in Grade III, Category I, Class I of the Madras Agricultural Subordinate Service; four demonstration maistris on Rs. 15—2/2—19 per mensem each; and two messengers on Rs. 12 per mensem each, to work under the District Agricultural Officer, Chingleput.

COIMBATORE.—One Agricultural Demonstrator on Rs. 75—7½/2—105 per mensem in Grade III, Category I. Class I of the Madras Agricultural Subordinate Service; two demonstration maistris on Rs. 15—2/2—19 per

mensem each; and one messenger on Rs. 12 per mensem to work under the District Agricultural Officer, Coimbatore.

TRICHINOPOLY.—One Agricultural Demonstrator on Rs. 75—7½/2—105 per mensem in Grade III, Category 1, Class I of the Madras Agricultural Subordinate Service; two demonstration maistris on Rs. 15—2/2—19 per mensem each; and one messenger on Rs. 12 per mensem, to work under the District Agricultural Officer, Trichinopoly.

The staff will be eligible for the usual dearness allowance.

Upper Subordinates and maistris who have experience of vegetable cultivation should be appointed to the posts. It will be the duty of the Agricultural Demonstrators at the three centres to look after the cultivation of vegetables and to persuade the ryots to plant more land with vegetables. They should see that no area in and around about their respective centres within a radius of 10 or 15 miles suitable for vegetable cultivation remains uncultivated. The Demonstrators should also arrange for the supply on payment of seed and manure necessary for such cultivation.

The expenditure is debitable to the appropriate sub-heads of appropriation under "40. d. Agriculture—Agricultural Demonstration and Propaganda including Public Exhibition and Fairs—I. Ordinary areas."

The Director of Agriculture is requested to meet the expenditure by reappropriation from the savings in the Agricultural budget for 1943-44, if this is possible or to apply to Government for necessary funds in due course.

The Director of Agriculture is requested to report, after consulting any Collector he finds necessary, in what other towns the supply of vegetables, which can be grown in the vicinity, is inadequate or too costly and whether any extra staff is necessary to increase the production of vegetables in and around those towns.

BELLARY.—The Committee formed to intensify food production drive met twice on July 8 and 22. It was decided to improve the school gardens and to encourage school children to grow vegetables. To meet this end, a small grant has been made to every school.

RAMNAD.—Applications for assignment of lands under the scheme are being received in large numbers which are receiving prompt attention. Railway 'B' class lands in the Railway stations in Sivaganga taluk will be leased out soon. The Agricultural Demonstrators addressed 109 meetings on the subject. In the Agricultural Exhibition at Srivilliputtur, the model of a hand-rice huller was demonstrated and indents for supply were obtained. "Grow More Food" slides were exhibited in cinema theatres. A loan of Rs. 3,240 has been sanctioned to the ryots in Mudukulathur and Aruppukottai taluks for the purchase of groundnut cakes and improved strains of food crops.

MADURA.—Propaganda to produce more food crop, to save more and to use hand-pound rice was carried on through the Village Agricultural Associations, Reading Circles and "Grow More Food" Committees. Distribution of groundnut cakes and improved varieties of paddy seeds was carried by the issue of takkavi loans. A large number of applications were enquired into, and loans to the extent of Rs. 7,000 have already been given. At Kodaikanal, 90 bags of seed potatoes were distributed and it was arranged to get 50 more bags from the Nilgiris. One hundred and forty-five bags of potatoes were distributed to the members in two Co-operative Societies in Upper Palnis. Loans to the extent of Rs. 82,237 were given to societies under the controlled credit scheme. During the month of July, the total amount of credit has come to nearly 1½ lakhs.

TANJORE.—Apart from the general propaganda carried on to grow more food-grains and vegetables, arrangements have been made to get hand-pounded rice in large quantities from Vedaranniyam. "Dig for Victory Campaign" has been started in many centres. In some other Taluk centres, attempts are being made to form ladies' groups to co-operate with the scheme.

NELLORE.—The Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, the Executive Engineer, the Commercial-Tax Officer and the District Forest Officer, Nellore, carried on "Grow More Food" propaganda. The District Agricultural Officer and his demonstrators also carried on propaganda on similar lines.

Price Control

Accumulation of Reserves

It has been brought to the notice of the Government that certain industrial concerns which are running grain shops for their employees are utilizing their resources for acquiring unduly large stocks of food-grains to the detriment of less well endowed purchasers. In view of the present need to keep in the market as large a quantity of food-grains as possible for the use of all consumers and to prevent the drawing off of the disproportionately large quantities of stocks by the accumulation of excessive reserves by some organisations, the Government have passed orders prohibiting industrial concerns which run shops for sale of food-grains to their employees and Co-operative Societies organized for the benefit of the employees from keeping on hand at any time food-grains in quantities in excess of their normal requirements for one month.

BELLARY.—The supply of rice and millets is very limited, and it has become very difficult to distribute the available grain even. Rationing which was contemplated in the municipal town of Bellary, Adoni and Hospet could not be started on account of the short and doubtful supplies of the food-grain to the market.

RAMNAD.—The Taluk Price Advisory Committees continue to meet regularly and fix fair prices. Wide publicity is given to fair price lists. The Revenue officials and others are keenly watching the movement of prices. The Poor Man's Depot at Rajapalayam and Srivilliputtur and the other three depots in Aruppukottai taluk are functioning well.

MADURA.—There are at present 23 Poor Man's Depots and one will be opened in the near future. The Revenue Divisional Officer organized a series of entertainments in six centres and was able to collect nearly Rs. 40,000 for the benefit of the depots in his division. Tirumangalam contributed Rs. 18,000 and Theni Rs. 12,000. These amounts came chiefly from rich merchants, mirasdars and Zamindar of Saptur by voluntary contribution. The Zamindar of Saptur made the largest contribution. The Melur depot sold Rs. 6,485-4-9 worth of grains to 7,133 poor men and incurred a loss of Rs. 490-12-9 in the month of July.

Civil Defence

RAMNAD.—The A.R.P. staff at Mandapam is working satisfactorily. Brown out is still in force in the 25 miles coastal belt. Half-brown-out shades are being still retained in places beyond 25 miles off the coastal belt. Partial black-out continues to be observed at Srivilliputtur.

TANJORE.—A meeting of the A.R.P. Committee was held on July 22 at the Collector's office, Tanjore. Mr. N. Venkatarama Ayyar, District Munsif, Tanjore, was co-opted as a member of the Committee. The A.R.P. organizations at Negapatam and Tanjore are working satisfactorily.

TINNEVELLY.—Daily exercises at the depot, weekly controlled exercises in which the services take part at the posts and combined exercises with the sounding of sirens continued to take place in Tuticorin.

Review of Radio Programmes

Trichinopoly Station

The main trends of the programmes broadcast from the Trichinopoly Centre of All-India Radio during July centred round the intensification of war-effort by all classes of the population, a consideration of up-to-date methods for solving the food-problem, railway priorities and the task of stepping up of production of War materials in the cottage as well as the factory. The Fourth War Services Exhibition held in Trichinopoly during the month came in for special programme-publicity. Topical features and relays added to the variety of fare offered to the listener during the period under review.

Talks.—Rao Saheb A. Ramachandram Pillai, President, the M.R.C.C. Bank, Madura, in his talk on Middle

A war propaganda meeting, under the auspices of the Dindigul Taluk Committee, was held at Rajakkapatti, Dindigul taluk, Madura district, on August 8. Mr. H. G. P. Vostermans, M.B.E., presided. More than 2,500 people were present. The villagers contributed Rs. 150 for the purchase of Defence Savings Certificates. Photograph taken on the occasion shows Mr. H. G. P. Vostermans, Dr. Thomas Asirvatham, and others. Messrs. N. R. Sambandam Pillai, Municipal Commissioner, M. S. Ponnuswami Thevar, Tahsildar, V. Jeganatha Ayyangar, Commercial Tax Officer and J. Gnaniah, Sub-Registrar, addressed the meeting.

Class Economies broadcast on July 12, considered the contribution which the middle class could make to war-effort by eliminating wasteful consumption. In a talk in the series "Background to the News" on July 15, the significance of the decisions arrived at by the Government of India on the basis of the resolutions of the Food Conference which met at Delhi during the first week of July were explained by Rao Bahadur V. S. Tyagraja Mudaliyar from the standpoint of the agriculturist in South India. Mr. O. A. Narayanaswami Ayyar, Secretary of the Co-operative Marketing Federation, Tanjore, dwelt on the duty of the farmer in adding to the food-grain resources of the country at this juncture instead of concentrating on 'money' crops, in his talk on "Change over to food crops" on July 26.

The contribution of cottage industries to war-effort consisting of the manufacture of military goods like camouflage nets and pith-hats in the cottages of country-side was the subject of an interesting talk by F. Shaikh Mohideen Sahib Bahadur broadcast on July 18.

Mr. S. Furniah, Chief Transportation Superintendent, South Indian Railway, in a talk in English on Railway Priorities in the series "Road to Victory" on July 21, made a plea for intensification of war-effort by enabling railways to operate the scheme of priorities with maximum efficiency.

In the Radio Interview broadcast on July 9, Mr. C. Ramanathan, giving his opinions from a lawyer's standpoint, stressed the duty of citizens in all walks of life to close their ranks and aid war-effort in all possible ways. Mr. G. R. Damodaran, Bevin Trainee and prominent industrialist of South India, interviewed in the same series on July 28, expressed his confidence in the future industrial development of India based on the present expansion of technical training on the factory front.

Another talk by Rev. Fr. L. M. Balam in the popular series "Achu Kural" analysing the latest Axis propaganda was broadcast on July 14. Talking in English on the Vatican in the series "Little Known Constitutions" on July 29, the Rev. Father explained the services rendered by the Pope, the great Neutral, in alleviating the suffering of war prisoners by exercising his power for good in the moral sphere.

The Fourth War Services Exhibition.—A series of special programmes were radiated in connection with the Fourth War Services Exhibition held from July 16 to 26 in Trichinopoly, interpreting its significance to all sections of listeners. Wing-Commander L. Shaffi broadcast a talk on July 14, introducing the Exhibition to South India and explaining its scope; a translation of the talk in Tamil was included in the Rural Programmes the next day.

A programme depicting the visit of two villagers to the Exhibition was broadcast on July 17. A running commentary of the Exhibition in English by F. L. Bhandari and in Tamil by a member of the staff of A.I.R. gave a sound picture of the Exhibition on show on July 18. A description of the Exhibition was broadcast in the children's programme in the weekly variety magazine, Ariel, on July 18 and Mrs. Soundaram Somasundaram gave a special talk in Tamil before the Ladies Day at the Exhibition. Talking on the Red Cross section of the Exhibition on July 23, Mrs. Annie Kurion, Liaison Officer of the Indian Red Cross and St. John Ambulance Association, explained the work of the joint war organisation and made an appeal for liberal contribution to the cause.

Feature programmes.—A special programme entitled "Salute to China" was broadcast on July 8 in commemoration of the 7th Anniversary of the Sino-Japanese War. The resignation of Mussolini and the blow to Fascism was featured in a special broadcast entitled "the Axis breaks" on July 26. In the educational broadcast during the month the series of special programmes "Poroli" giving intimate sound pictures of the war, included subjects like "Target for to-night," "post and payment at the front" and "the launching of an attack."

Relays.—Among the prominent relays of the month may be mentioned the running commentary on the award of the V.C. to Havildar Parkash Singh, from Delhi on July 1 and a special programme entitled "China, our Ally" from London on July 8. From Delhi, Sir T. E. Gregory's talk on the reconstruction of the World Monetary system was relayed on July 15 and on July 27 a special talk on the fall of Mussolini by the Honourable Sir Sultan Ahmed.

Miscellaneous.—The third and the last instalment of a popular serial story entitled "Night in Sahara", depicting the heroism and the emotional reactions of the Indian Soldier in the African theatre of the war, was broadcast on July 2. The daily talks included subjects of topical interest like the jeep, now a familiar, sight on our roads and in the country side and the pigeon carrying military mail.

Miscellaneous

Cultivation of Cinchona

The Government have directed that the concessions now in force for lands cultivated with Cinchona on the Anamalais in the Coimbatore district should also be extended to unobjectionable cases of sivaijama cultivation.

No Tolls on Roads and Bridges

In December 1942 rules for the collection of tolls on roads and bridges under section 2 (i) of the Indian Tolls Act, 1851, as subsequently amended were issued. As the general transport position in the Presidency has deteriorated since the issue of the said rules on account of the unsettled conditions arising from the war, the Government consider that the levy of tolls on vehicles at present will make the transport position worse. They have therefore decided to drop for the present the levy of the proposed tolls on roads and bridges.

Tyre Rationing

A recent newspaper article suggested that the Madras Government are deliberately withholding tyres in pursuance of a policy of discouraging road transport and that in consequence, buses, lorries and cars are being laid up in an increasing measure. This is not in accordance with the facts. Far from pursuing a policy of "active discouragement," Government have been doing all that is possible to conserve existing supplies for essential purposes. Additional quotas have been secured both for giant and car tyres. The result has been that during the quarter ending June 30, 1943, the number of buses laid up for want of tyres has actually decreased with a corresponding increase in the number of buses on the road. There has also been a slight increase during this period in the number of lorries on the road, while, as regards cars, the taxation reports for the last four quarters show that, in spite of petrol and tyre rationing, the number of cars on the road has in recent months remained fairly constant. These facts indicate that the administration of the tyre rationing system has on the whole been successful in maintaining essential transport.

It was stated that "large classes of users are refused replacement permits for tyres, even though, as we have good reason to believe, the quarters quota for the Presidency has not nearly been exhausted." Actually the number of giant tyres for which permits were issued during the last quarter was in excess of the quota. As regards car tyres, it is a fact that the total of permits issued for new tyres was less than the quota, partly owing to the fact that information of the increase in the new tyre quota was not received until half way through the quarter. On the other hand, permits to acquire retreaded tyres and for owners to have their own tyres retreaded were in excess of quota. The total issues for new tyres, retreads and retreading permits exceeded the total quota.

Floods in the Kistna

Some exaggerated reports appear to have been published in certain newspapers regarding the recent floods in the Kistna river. The following Press Note is, therefore, issued for the information of the public:—

The Kistna river was in high floods from the 16th to the 22nd July 1943, the water rising to a height of 16.1 feet above the crest of the anicut, and flooding certain areas in the Guntur and Kistna districts. There was no loss of life or of cattle in any of the villages in the districts and no wells, tanks or other important irrigation works have been damaged. There was only a temporary dislocation or traffic in some of the lowlying areas.

In Kistna district, dry crops in a few villages in Nandigama and Bezwada taluks and in one village in Gannavaram taluk were submerged and partly damaged, but the loss is not appreciable. Dry crops, viz., gingelly and maize in 20 villages in Divi island were submerged and lost. The loss here on a preliminary rough estimate is reported to be about one lakh of rupees. There was practically no damage to crops in other taluks of this district.

In the Guntur district, maize and groundnut crops were damaged here and there in Mangalagiri sub-taluk. Tender crops in Repalle, Tenali and Sattenapalle taluks have been submerged and also washed off in certain places, but the damage is negligible. On the other hand it is expected the silt deposited will prove beneficial for future crops.

Some of the lanka villages in Tenali and Repalle taluks were submerged and most of the people had to be evacuated. Damage to houses and private property was however only on a small scale and was confined to a few mud walled houses in some villages in Bezwada and Repalle taluks. Necessary relief is being granted by the Collectors of the two districts.

Rationing of Electricity

On 24th November 1942 and 18th February 1943, the Government issued press notes explaining the necessity for rationing of electricity in the Madras City and in other areas in the Presidency where electric power is generated by the use of coal and diesel oil. The Government appealed to all consumers, including domestic consumers, to co-operate in giving effect to the restrictions and to use every endeavour to effect further savings in consumption. The response to this appeal has not been satisfactory. The Government find that a certain number of domestic consumers do not appear to be making serious efforts to keep within the ration though they should be aware of the rationing orders which have been in force for some time past.

The rationing orders issued by the Commissioner of Police for the City of Madras and by some of the District Magistrates provided for the payment of a penalty for every unit consumed in excess of the limit permitted. But the penalty has not so far been collected in the Madras City and in some of the districts. As the position in regard to coal, oil and transport is more likely to get worse than to improve the Government have decided that the levy of penalty for excess consumption should be enforced.

The penalty will be charged every month for excess consumption beginning from September 1943 and billed for in October 1943, i.e., after the meter reading is taken about the end of August. Every six months, all bills will be examined and an adjustment made so that if a person uses excess in one month and less than his ration in another, the excess consumption will be charged on a six months basis, e.g., if the total consumption for six months is 75 units and the monthly ration is 10 units, the excess consumption of 15 units during the six months will only be charged. If the total penalty collected monthly is in excess of the amount due on the 6 months basis, such excess penalty will be refunded automatically in the bill for the next month.

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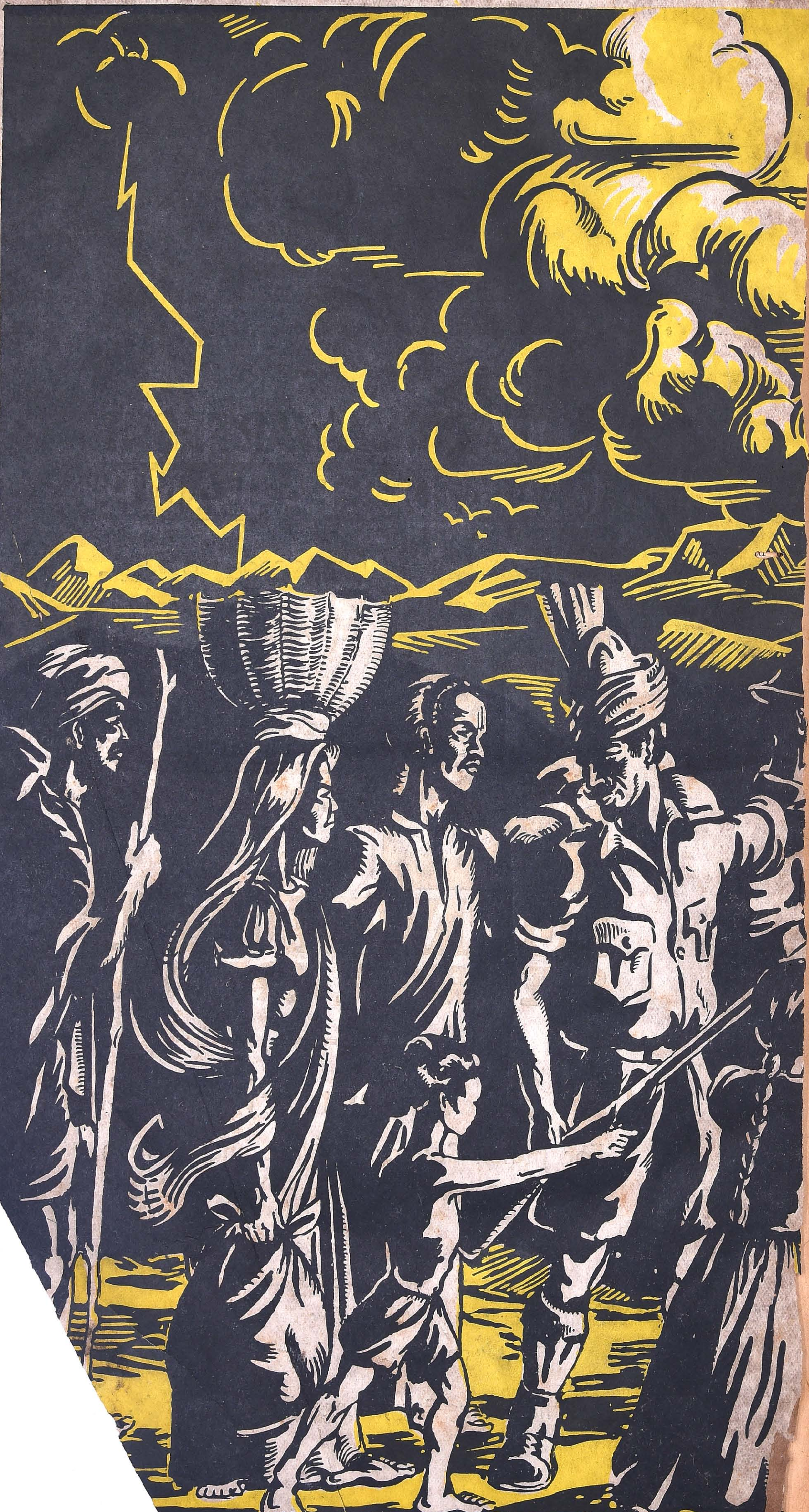
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